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TITLE OF PAPER: GRAMMAR II – PHRASES AND CLAUSES
COURSE NUMBER: ENG201/IDE-ENG201
TIME ALLOWED: TWO (2) HOURS

INSTRUCTIONS:

Answer all (3) questions.

Do not write any answer on the examination question paper.

Write all your answers in the booklets provided.

This paper is not to be opened until permission has been given by the invigilator.

QUESTION 1

- (a) Using the noun phrase and the nominal clause as examples, discuss the relationship between phrases and clauses in sentence structures (10 marks)
- (b) State whether the bolded prepositions are part of the verb (i.e. a particle in a phrasal verb) or the head of a prepositional phrase complement? (5 marks)

1. Nina spent the whole day backing **up** the hard drive.
2. Nina was backing **up** the driveway towards the road.
3. Harry wanted to take **off** his coat.
4. Luke believes **in** fairies.
5. Last night I waited **for** you for an hour.

- (c) Identify the bold elements as either the head or a dependent in these verb phrases.

(5 marks)

1. **is singing** in the rain
2. wants to **be an astronaut**
3. photographed **the lions**
4. **saw** last night
5. frolicked **merrily**

[20 marks]

QUESTION 2

- (a) Choose whether the bolded phrases are adjective phrases or adverb phrases. (5 marks)

1. Mandy bought a **very ornate** chair.
2. Vera's hair is **almost** black.
3. My cat is **extremely hungry**.
4. The band played **even more loudly** than last time.
5. **Luckily** we arrived just in time.

- (b) Complete the following sentences appropriately. (5 marks)

1. I should hate to get rid of ...
2. The dinner got off to a bad start when ...
3. I find it very hard to get down to ...
4. I don't think she has gotten over ...

5. I wish I could get out of ...

- (c) Do these adjectives typically occur with a complement with a specific preposition in the AdjP? If your answer is yes, then indicate which specific preposition(s) should follow the adjective. (5 marks)

1. Devoted
2. Devoid
3. Silly
4. Smarter
5. Open

- (d) Identify the clause type of the following sentences. (5 marks)

1. Get ready now.
2. Where did you leave the keys?
3. You should brush your teeth.
4. Zipho wants to know where to buy cheap gifts.
5. Come in, sit down and tell me why you were late.

[20marks]

QUESTION 3

- (a) 1. Ensure that following sentences do not contain any dangling modifiers. You may need to rewrite the sentence. (5 marks)

1. Maintaining a daily exercise program, my weight seemed to decrease faster than usual.
2. To eliminate the errors, the paper needs to be rewritten.
3. While studying for my college exam, my daughter interrupted me and wanted to play dolls.
4. Drawing quite a crowd, the auditorium was packed with football fans.
5. Running around the block, the sidewalk seemed slicker than usual.

- (b) In the following pairs, one sentence is correct; and the other sentence has a misplaced or a dangling modifier. Write only the correct sentence in your answer booklet.

(5 marks)

1. A ____ Looking toward the south, a funnel-shaped cloud stirred up the dust.
B ____ Looking toward the south, I saw a funnel-shaped cloud stir up the dust.
2. A ____ They saw a fence made of barbed wire behind the house.
B ____ They saw a fence behind the house made of barbed wire.
3. A ____ After following the vision program for two weeks, my doctor told me that my eyesight had improved.

B ____ After I had followed the vision program for two weeks, my doctor told me that my eyesight had improved.

4. A ____ We saw several birds looking out our window.

B ____ Looking out our window, we saw several birds.

5. A ____ The four men eating lunch talked quietly in the corner.

B ____ The four men talked quietly in the corner eating lunch.

(c) State whether or not the bolded part of each sentence is a complement within a prepositional phrase? (5 marks)

1. We'll set up the tents over **by the river**.
2. Bongani was perfect as **Hamlet**.
3. Who else is coming in addition **to Judy**?
4. Thuli left **five minutes** ago.
5. We all went outside **to watch the fireworks**.

(d) State whether or not the following bolded words are dependents in an AdvP? (5 marks)

1. Luckily **for me** the train arrived ten minutes late.
2. Luckily for me the train arrived **ten minutes** late.
3. Beatrice looks **quite** lovely tonight.
4. The store can easily **supply** all the equipment.
5. Sherry runs much faster **than her sister**.

TOTAL MARKS:

/60