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TITLE OF PAPER: GRAMMAR 1: A SURVEY OF ENGLISH GRAMMAR

COURSE CODE: ENG 101 / IDE-ENG 101

TIME ALLOWED: TWO (2) HOURS

- INSTRUCTIONS:**
- 1. This paper has four (4) questions.**
 - 2. Question one (1) is compulsory and is worth thirty (30) marks.**
 - 3. Choose one other question from questions 2 to 4. Each question is worth twenty (20) marks.**
 - 4. Appropriate use of English and linguistic conventions is essential.**
 - 5. Use a legible handwriting.**

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Question 1

a) What is the distinction between transitive and intransitive verbs in English? Illustrate your answer with 4 relevant examples: one for transitive and three for intransitive verbs.

(10 marks)

b) Discuss four (4) syntactic functions of nouns in English. Use relevant examples to illustrate your answer.

(20 marks)

[30 marks]

Question 2

a) (i) What is the function of determiners within the noun phrase? Illustrate your answer with one example. (5)

(ii) Identify three types of determiners in English, and give one example for each type. (6)

b) List 4 types of words that function as central determiners in English, and give one example for each. (4)

c) What is the distinction between regular and irregular verbs? Give one example of each and a comment. (5)

[20 marks]

Question 3

Discuss in detail the following:

- a) Demonstrative pronouns (5)
- b) The copula / linking verbs (5)
- c) Adjuncts (5)
- d) Predicative adjectives (5)
- e) Intensifiers (5)

Illustrate each answer with **one** relevant examples and appropriate comment

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[20 marks]

Question 4

a) What do we mean when we say closed system items are 'Reciprocally Defining' and 'Reciprocally Exclusive'? Illustrate your answer with one relevant example for each concept.

(10 marks)

b) i) Briefly discuss 5 properties of language that make human language distinct from that of animals.

(10 marks)

[20 marks]