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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 (compulsory)

a) Identify the class of the following words, and give a morphological and a syntactic reason for your answer:

For example: tree > noun

> morphologically, it can take the plural marker /-s/

> syntactically, it can be premodified by determiners and other types of noun premodifiers.

i) motion (2)

ii) courageous (2)

iii) establishment (2)

iv) slowly (2)

v) finally (2)

vi) consequently (3)

vii) deprive (2)

[15 marks]

b) State the syntactic function of prepositions in English. Illustrate each with one example.

(10 marks)

c) Explain what 'homomorphs' are? Illustrate your answer with two relevant examples.

(5 marks)

[30 marks]

Question 2

Discuss in detail the hierarchical structure of Language. Your answer should be illustrated by relevant examples.

[20 marks]

Question 3

a) Identify the type of phrase **underlined** in each of the following sentences, and state its syntactic function:

Example: The boy is singing.

[is singing] > Verb phrase

> Predicate

i) The man who works in the shop is very kind. (4)

ii) My mother left this morning, and she will arrive home in the evening. (4)

iii) They fed the young regiments with healthy food. (4)

b) Explain how coordinating conjunctions are used in English. Your answer should be illustrated with at least 3 examples showing the different functions. (8)

[20 marks]

Question 4

Discuss briefly the following types of verbs:

i) Regular and irregular verbs (10)

ii) Finite and non-finite verbs (10)

[20 marks]