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TITTLE OF PAPER: GRAMMAR II: PHRASES AND CLAUSES

COURSE CODE: ENG 201/ IDE- ENG 201

TIME ALLOWED: TWO (2) HOURS

INSTRUCTIONS:

1. This paper has four (4) questions
2. Question 1 is compulsory.
3. Choose one other question from Questions 2 to Question 4.
4. Question 1 is worth thirty (30) marks and Questions 2-4 are worth twenty (20) marks each.
5. Presentation of answers should follow linguistic conventions where necessary, and good language will attract credit.

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QUESTION 1 (COMPULSORY)

(a) Using relevant examples, distinguish between the following:

- (i) Main clause and subordinate clause [5 marks]
- (ii) Restrictive and non-restrictive clause [10 marks]
- (iii) Verb phrase and verbal phrase [5 marks]

(b) Correct the following run-on sentences:

- (i) Jabu saw the robbery she never told anyone. [2 marks]
- (ii) This stew is spicy, it burned my mouth. [2 marks]
- (iii) Emily is a good friend she always has time to listen to my problems. [2 marks]
- (iv) The college is downtown unfortunately, I live in the suburbs. [2 marks]
- (v) Mbuso was really tired he had studied until four o'clock this morning. [2 marks]

[TOTAL: 30 MARKS]

QUESTION 2

In each of the following sentences:

- (a) Identify any two sequences of words that form phrases.
- (b) Use the pro-form and movement tests to prove that the sequences you have identified are indeed phrases. Make sure you explain how each test works.

- An ancient monument fell down during the bombing.

[10 marks]

- Several young Swazi warriors danced gracefully before their king.

[10 marks]

[TOTAL:20MARKS]

QUESTION 3

- (a) Each of the following sentences has a clause that appears in italics. Indicate whether it is a main clause or subordinate clause.

- (i) Although traditional Chinese medicine is an ancient science based on more than two thousand years of accumulated knowledge, *many westerners are unfamiliar with its principles.* [2 marks]

- (ii) Western medicine differs greatly from Chinese medicine, *which is rooted in Eastern culture and philosophy.* [2 marks]

- (iii) Traditional Chinese doctors view the patient's body, spirit and mind as inseparable, *whatever the specific illness may be.* [2 marks]

(iv) *Such physicians search for external signs of “disharmony” so that they can make diagnosis.* [2 marks]

(v) *Because one obvious symptom of sickness is vitality, traditional Chinese doctors attribute illness to a disorder in the flow of bodily energy, caused by an imbalance between the soft, dark, cold, wet yin elements and the hard, light, hot and dry yang elements.* [2 marks]

(b) Write the subordinate clause that appears in each sentence. Then indicate whether the subordinate clause is: an adverb clause or an adjective clause or a noun clause.

Baseball Sublime and Ridiculous Plays

Baseball spectacular defensive plays occur when players catch balls seemingly out of reach. An outfielder may leap and catch a fly that looks like a sure home run. Another time an infielder may dive to the ground to snag a ball that everyone in the park expects to be a base hit. Whoever loves baseball is thrilled to watch a sprinting outfielder run down a flyball four hundred feet from the home plate. On the other hand, what looks like an ordinary play sometimes turns truly ridiculous.

[10 marks]

[TOTAL: 20 MARKS]

QUESTION 4

Discuss the syntactic functions of the noun phrase. Illustrate your answer using examples. [20 marks]