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SUPPLEMENTARY EXAMINATION
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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, and present your work neatly.**
 - 6. Remember to indicate whether you are Full Time or IDE on your answer script.**

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Question 1 (compulsory)

a) What do you understand by the following? Illustrate each with one example.

(i) Finite and non-finite verbs (5)

(ii) Gerunds and Participial (5)

(iii) Homomorphs (5)

[15 marks]

b) Briefly discuss the focus of Halliday's Systemic Functional Grammar Approach to the study of language. (15 marks)

[30 marks]

Question 2

a) Write the parts of speech of the following words. Give one reason for your answer. Your reason should either be syntactic or morphological in nature:

i) *Analysis* (2)

ii) *Succinctly* (2)

iii) *Angelic* (2)

iv) *Accidental* (2)

v) *Entertainment* (2)

b) i) How do we form a prepositional phrase? (3)

ii) List 3 functions of a prepositional phrase, and give one example for each. (7)

[20 marks]

Question 3

Discuss in detail the broad classification of word classes. Provide relevant examples where appropriate. (20 marks)

[20 marks]

Question 4

(a) Define the following:

i) coordinating conjunctions (3)

ii) subordinating conjunctions (3)

iii) tense and aspect (3)

iv) variable and invariable nouns (3)

(12 marks)

(b) What is the difference between a phrase and a clause? Illustrate your answer with relevant examples.

(8 marks)

[20 marks]