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TITLE 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 use will attract credit.**

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QUESTION 1 (COMPULSORY)

(a) Identify the heads in the underlined phrases, and then give the name of each phrasal category underlined.

- (i) My cousin's hobby is travelling to overseas countries. [2 marks]
- (ii) My cousin will be travelling to overseas countries. [2 marks]
- (iii) I would like to have all of the remaining cream. [2 marks]
- (iv) Only one can of cream is remaining in the fridge. [2 marks]
- (v) The old couple was very happy to see their son. [2 marks]

(b)

- (i) Distinguish between Finite and non-finite clauses [5 marks]
- (ii) Describe appositives [5 marks]
- (iii) Describe absolute phrases and gerund phrases [5 marks]
- (iv) Distinguish between restrictive and non- restrictive clauses [5 marks]

[TOTAL: 30 MARKS]

QUESTION 2

Identify the types of clauses that make up the sentences given below. For each clause, indicate whether it as an independent or a dependent clause, and for each dependent clause, state its type.

Example:

I usually use a pick whenever I play the guitar, or I just use my fingers.

Answer:

I usually use a pick is an independent clause.

[Whenever I play a guitar] is a dependent clause which is an adverbial clause.

I just use my fingers is an independent clause.

(a) Sizwe was able to read the article that was sent by his friend on his iPad. [5 marks]

(b) Frank, Judy and Zethu can sing and dance very well. [3 marks]

(c) Your cell phone will not work unless you have plugged in the charger. [5marks]

(d) Whatever a criminal wants, he gets, and he does not care about the consequences.

[7 marks]

[TOTAL: 20 marks]

QUESTION 3

Study the excerpt below .Rewrite the passage by adding the necessary words and punctuation to make complete sentences from the fragments and run-on sentences.

The passion for running floods her body every nerve is taut, as she contemplates the long gruelling race ahead of her. To relieve the tension. She shakes out first one leg and then the other. Then she bends over to check her track shoes. And make sure the laces are tied just right. Satisfied, she gives one final stretch. Pulling her arms back over her head and then swinging them around in a wide arc.

She trained for this moment for months. Rising early, pounding the pavement and the fields to prepare for the hours and hills ahead. Still she worries anxious thoughts tickle her mind. Is she ready for the battering she will take can she match the pace of her competitors? She hears them around her, scarping the road with their shoes, exhaling noisily to release pent up energy she feels their electricity like a lightening charge, and it

crackles her body to high alert. Every muscle in her screams for release. Yearns for the crack of the starting gun.

Time slows and sounds fade. As she watches the official take his position at the starting line he raises his arm, gun held high in the air in that instant, she knows she is ready. A smile floods her face it's going to be a great day.

[20 marks]

QUESTION 4

Explain what is meant by the following, and use examples to illustrate your answer.

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| (a) Simple subject and simple predicate. | [4 marks] |
| (b) Antecedent | [2 marks] |
| (c) Demonstrative adjective | [2 marks] |
| (d) Compound-complex sentence | [4 marks] |
| (e) Finite and non-finite clause | [4 marks] |
| (f) Verbal | [2 marks] |
| (g) Determiner | [2 marks] |

[TOTAL: 20 MARKS]