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SUPPLEMENTARY EXAMINATION PAPER

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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.**

This paper should not be opened until permission has been granted by the invigilator.

QUESTION 1

(a) Explain how modification has worked in the underlined phrases.

- (i) Those cute ladies who dress elegantly have better paying jobs. [6 marks]
- (ii) She has always been the best cook in the village. [6 marks]
- (iii) Her dress is very long in the back. [4 marks]
- (iv) My father drives quite moderately slowly. [4 marks]

(b) Identify the types of subordinate clauses underlined.

- (i) You said that the English class was not cancelled. [1 mark]
- (ii) The reporter will interview whoever wins the election. [1 mark]
- (iii) The cream has gone sour; don't use it in your coffee when you have breakfast. [1 mark]
- (iv) What kind of cheese is in this burger you ordered? [1 mark]
- (v) Sue is not as inept as you may think. [1 mark]
- (vi) Although John studied hard, he still failed the exam. [1 mark]
- (vii) Carol has not visited the zoo since she was a child. [1 mark]
- (viii) Whatever gets the reader's attention should form part of the introduction. [1 mark]
- (ix) Carol can work harder than I. [1 mark]
- (x) I believe most readers will be confused by this sentence. [1 mark]

[TOTAL: 30 MARKS]

QUESTION 2

(a) Form sentences that have the features described below (underline the section showing this particular feature):

- (i) a compound subject [2 marks]
- (ii) a noun clause that has functioned as an object. [2 marks]
- (iii) a gerund phrase that has functioned as a subject. [2 marks]
- (iv) an adjective phrase that has functioned predicatively. [2 marks]
- (v) a finite clause and a non-finite clause. [2 marks]

(b) Using examples, describe the structure of a verb phrase using the two analyses used by Quereda (1993):

- (i) the morphological analysis [4 marks]
- (ii) the syntactic analysis [6 marks]

[Total: 20 marks]

QUESTION 3

(a) Describe in detail the structure of a noun phrase in English. Use examples to illustrate your answer. [20 marks]

QUESTION 4

Explain what is meant by the following concepts. Use relevant examples to illustrate your answer:

- (a) Lexical verb [2 marks]

- (b) Determiners [5 marks]
- (c) Clause element [3 marks]
- (d) Verbal [5 marks]
- (e) Modifier [5 marks]

[TOTAL: 20 MARKS]