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**FIRST SEMESTER EXAMINATION**

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**TITLE OF PAPER: GRAMMAR 1: A SURVEY OF ENGLISH GRAMMAR**

**COURSE CODE: ENG111 / IDE-ENG101**

**TIME ALLOWED: TWO (2) HOURS**

**INSTRUCTIONS:**

- 1. This paper has four (4) questions**
- 2. Question 1 is compulsory, and it is worth 30 marks.**
- 3. Choose one other question from questions 2 to 4.  
Each question is worth 20 marks**
- 4. Appropriate use of English and linguistic conventions is essential in this paper.**

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by the invigilator.**

**Question 1 (compulsory)**

a) Distinguish between the following:

i) variable and non-variable nouns (5)

ii) primary auxiliary verbs and secondary auxiliary verbs (5)

iii) transitive and intransitive verbs (5)

iv) adjunct and disjunct (5)

*Illustrate your answer with one relevant example for each*

b) State the word class of each of the following words. Explain briefly why you think that word belongs to the class.

i) hot (1)

ii) water (1)

(iii) analyses (1)

iv) courageous (1)

v) finally (1)

vi) angry (1)

vii) friendly (1)

viii) put (1)

ix) beaten (1)

x) be (1)

### **Question 2**

Discuss in detail the sematic classification of nouns in English. Illustrate your answer with relevant examples and appropriate comment. **[20 marks]**

### **Question 3**

Discuss in detail the three functions of an adjective in English. Illustrate your explanation with relevant examples. **[20 marks]**

### **Question 4**

a) Give one morphological feature for the following word classes:

i) nouns (2)

ii) verbs (4)

iii) adverbs (2)

iv) adjectives (2)

(b) List, with examples, the features of pronouns in English identified by Kaplan (1989).

(10)

**[20 marks]**