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SUPPLEMENTARY 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 questions. ANSWER 2 questions.
  2. Question 1 is compulsory, and it is worth thirty (30) marks.
  3. Choose one other question from questions 2 to 4.  
Each question is 20 marks.

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### Question 1

a) Distinguish between regular verbs and irregular verbs in English. (10)

b) What do you understand by the following?

i) Coordinating and subordinating conjunctions (5)

ii) Phrase structure rules and transformational rules (5)

iii) Tense and aspect (5)

iv) Imperative and indicative mood (5)

**[20 marks]**

### Question 2

Discuss the syntactic functions of the noun in English in terms of form and function within the clause. Your discussion should be illustrated by relevant examples. **[20 marks]**

### Question 3

Explain briefly, why it is sometimes difficult to distinguish between adverbs and adjectives in isolation. Illustrate your answer with relevant examples. **[20 marks]**

### Question 4

a) Briefly discuss 5 properties of human language (Yule, 2014) (10 marks)

b) Distinguish between open class items and closed system items (Kaplan, 1989) (10 marks)

**[20 marks]**