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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 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 CORRECT APPLICATION OF LINGUISTIC CONVENTIONS ARE REQUIRED IN THIS PAPER

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QUESTION 1

- a) Discuss three syntactic functions of nouns in English. (15 marks)
- b) Describe how some morphological characteristics make it difficult to identify some adjectives and some adverbs in isolation. (10 marks)
- c) (i) What is a determiner? (1 mark)
- (ii) Write four grammatical words that function as determiners in English. For each grammatical structure, give one example of a noun phrase that has used each type of determiner. (5 marks)

[30 marks]

QUESTION 2

- (a) Discuss in detail the territorial and functional varieties of English. (10 marks)
- (b) Distinguish between tense and aspect in English? (10 marks)

[20 marks]

QUESTION 3

What do you understand by the following?

- a) Regular verbs and irregular verbs (5 marks)
- b) Finite verbs and non-finite verbs (5 marks)
- c) State the pragmatic meaning of the following modal verbs (10 marks)
- i) can
 - ii) could
 - iii) will
 - iv) would
 - v) must

[20 marks]

QUESTION 4

Explain briefly the following:

- a) Action verbs and linking verbs (5 marks)
 - b) Participials and gerunds (5 marks)
 - c) Abstract nouns and common nouns (5 marks)
 - d) Adjunct and disjunct (5 marks)
- [20 marks]**