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**FIRST SEMESTER FINAL EXAMINATION**  
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**TITLE OF PAPER: GRAMMAR 1: A SURVEY OF ENGLISH GRAMMAR**

**COURSE CODE: ENG111/IDE-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. NEATNESS, APPROPRIATE USE OF ENGLISH AND CORRECT APPLICATION OF LINGUISTIC CONVENTIONS ARE REQUIRED IN THIS PAPER.**
  - 5. WRITE YOUR PROGRAMME, AND CLEARLY INDICATE WHETHER YOU ARE IN IDE OR FULL TIME ON YOUR ANSWER SCRIPT.**

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### Question 1 (compulsory)

a) Identify the word class of the words underlined below, and state the syntactic function each performs.

i) This child is very kind. (4)

ii) My mother chose this. (2)

iii) When are you graduating? (2)

iii) This pattern was also in fashion when I was young. (2)

[10 marks]

b) Explain the following:

i) adjunct (5)

ii) regular and irregular nouns (10)

iii) transitive verbs (5)

[20 marks]

[30 marks]

### Question 2

a) Explain in detail the broad classification of words in English [10 marks]

b) Write 5 characteristics of pronouns in English. Illustrate each with one example.

[10 marks]

[20 marks]

### Question 3

Discuss in detail the syntactic functions of adjectives in English. [20 marks]

### Question 4

What do you understand by the following? Give one example and comment to illustrate each.

a) Synchronic grammar (2)

b) Arbitrariness (2)

- c) Morphophonemic rules (2)
- d) Coordinating conjunctions (2)
- e) Conjunctive adverb (2)
- f) Regular verbs (2)
- g) Copular verbs (2)
- h) Disjunct (2)
- i) Interjections (2)
- j) Prepositional phrase (2)

**[20 marks]**