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COURSE TITLE : GRAMMAR II – PHRASES AND CLAUSES

COURSE CODE : IDE-ENG 201

DURATION : TWO HOURS

INSTRUCTIONS : THIS QUESTION PAPER CONSISTS OF FOUR QUESTIONS.

**ANSWER TWO QUESTIONS IN TOTAL,
QUESTION ONE AND ANY OTHER**

ALL QUESTIONS ARE WORTH 30 MARKS EACH

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QUESTION 1 – COMPULSORY

a) Write a **one page** essay on the topic: **It has not been all easy.....**

[10 marks]

b) Identify the nature and state the syntactic functions of the underlined constituents in the sentences below:

- i) Do you have the latest software to install?
- ii) Smoking is not good for one's health.
- iii) The truck that overturned down the Malagwane hill blocked the traffic for four hours
- iv) Will has willed his estate to Willow.
- v) If only she knew, she would not have left the children alone last night.
- vi) He was charged with culpable homicide because she knocked down a pedestrian.
- vii) She left the children inside a burning hut.
- viii) When she left the children inside a burning hut, she was going to ask for assistance from the neighbourhood, but unfortunately no one was willing to help her.
- ix) She demanded a re-mark, yet she had not written the examination.
- x) Today marks the end of the first semester.

[10marks]

c) Construct the following sentences.

- i) Where an adjective^t predicatively modifies a noun in a noun phrase.
- ii) Where a prepositional phrase^t post modifies a noun in a noun phrase.
- iii) Where an infinitive phrase functions as a subject in a sentence.
- iv) Where an adverb phrase shows the intensity of the action of the verb.
- v) Where an adjective phrase is used predicatively [10 marks]

QUESTION 2

- a) With the aid of examples, show how the echo is different from the fragment test in identifying phrases. [10 marks]
 - b) Using the echo test, identify and state the nature of the phrases that constitute the following construction:
An old lady in a blue overall sang the national anthem out of tune at the national stadium yesterday afternoon. [5 marks]
 - c) The following sentences are 'ambiguous'. Disambiguate them by giving the interpretations entailed in each.
 - i) I don't drink alcohol for religious reasons [2 marks]
 - ii) My brother and I are getting married this summer. [2 marks]
 - iii) They are looking for French, German and Japanese teachers. [2marks]
 - iv) Mary saw a dog in the store window and wanted it. [2 marks]
 - v) He has married friends. [2 marks]
 - vi) Fred saw the plane flying over Zurich. [3 marks]
 - vii) What a beautiful work of art! [2marks]
- [15 marks]

QUESTION 3

a) Discuss the difference between the forms and types of sentences.

[10 marks]

b) What is a run-on sentence?

[5 marks]

c) With the aid of examples, discuss the two types of run-on sentences showing when each occurs and how each type is corrected.

[15 marks]

QUESTION 4

a) With the aid of examples, differentiate between a:

i) Phrase and a clause [2marks]

ii) Main(independent) and dependent (subordinate) clause [5 marks]

iii) A restrictive and non-restrictive clause [5 marks]

iv) A nominal clause and a noun phrase [5marks]

b) Complete the following table

| Nature of sentence | Number of Dependent clauses | Number of independent clauses | One example |
|--------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------|
| Complex sentence | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| ..... | 0 | ..... | ..... |
| ..... | 1+ | ..... | ..... |
| Simple sentence | ..... | 0 | ..... |
| | | | [13 marks] |