

# UNIVERSITY OF ESWATINI

## FACULTY OF HUMANITIES

### DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH LANGUAGE AND LITERATURE

#### FIRST SEMESTER EXAMINATION

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- TITLE OF PAPER:** GRAMMAR 1: A SURVEY OF ENGLISH GRAMMAR
- COURSE CODE:** ENG111/IDE-ENG111
- 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 (B.A. HUMANITIES/B.Ed. PRIMARY/SECONDARY) ON THE COVER OF YOUR ANSWER SCRIPT.
  6. CLEARLY INDICATE AGAINST YOUR ID NUMBER WHETHER YOU ARE IN (IDE) OR (FULL TIME).

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**Question 1 (compulsory)**

**[30 marks]**

a) Describe in detail two syntactic functions of nouns in English.

(10 marks)

b) Describe in detail two syntactic functions of adjectives in English.

(10 marks)

c) Define each of the following terms and provide one example for each.

- (i) creativity
- (ii) transformational rule
- (iii) prescriptive rules
- (iv) transitive verbs
- (v) adjuncts

(10 marks)

**Question 2**

**[20 marks]**

Describe the contribution of prescriptive grammar and descriptive grammar approaches to the scientific study of the English language.

**Question 3**

**[20 marks]**

Explain in detail what is meant by each of the following , and give one example for each:

- a) Territorial varieties of English (4)
- b) Functional varieties of English (4)
- c) Homomorphs (4)
- d) Coordinating and correlative conjunctions (8)

**Question 4**

**[20 marks]**

a) Give five characteristics of pronouns in English, and write one example for each.

(10 marks)

b) State the parts of speech of the following words. Give one reason for each of your answers.

(i) analyses

(ii) softly

(iii) courageous

(iv) his

(v) produce

(10 marks)