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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. PRESENT YOUR WORK NEATLY, AND USE LINGUISTIC CONVENTIONS WHERE NECESSARY
5. INDICATE YOUR PROGRAMME (B.A. HUMANITIES/B. A. JMC/ B.Ed. PRIMARY /SECONDARY AND OFFERING (FULL TIME / IDE) ON THE COVER OF THE ANSWER SCRIPT

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QUESTION 1 (COMPULSORY)

[30 marks]

- a) What is the main contribution of the prescriptive grammar theory to the study of language? (5)
- b) Identify the types of underlined phrases in the following sentences, and then state the syntactic function of each (15)
- i. The young man who owns this garden won the hearts of the judges.
 - ii. He is a very hardworking, serious, young man.
 - iii. They made him their leader.
 - iv. This is because he is kind and focused.
 - v. He also does his work diligently.
- c) (i) Write three functions of the prepositional phrase within the clause. Give one example for function. (6)
- (ii) Draw a simple tree diagram showing all the phrases and the word categories of each word of the following sentence (4)
- The sick child was admitted urgently last night.**

QUESTION 2

[20 marks]

Describe in detail four syntactic functions of English nouns. Your description should have adequate examples which are also clearly explained (i.e. comment)

QUESTION 3

[20 marks]

- a) List seven events that occur when human beings use spoken language to communicate. (7)
- b) Write at least one sub-fields of linguistics for the above events whose focus is the description of each event. (7)
- c) Describe in detail the functional variety of English. (6)

QUESTION 4

[20 marks]

Briefly describe the following, and give one example:

- a) Coordinating conjunctions (4)
- b) Morphophonemic rules (4)
- c) Transformational rules (4)
- d) Concrete nouns (4)
- e) Transitive verbs (4)