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USAGE

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MAIN EXAM

TIME: 2 HOURS

Answer ANY THREE questions. QUESTION IS COMPULSORY

1. a) Indicate whether the verb in each of the following sentences is either intransitive or monotransitive, ditransitive or complex transitive verb. (10 marks)
- i) This feels good. *in.*
  - ii) Label the drugs dangerous
  - iii) The president rested for a week
  - iv) The plane crashed in Busia.
  - v) I found the moment awkward *in.*
  - vi) My grandmother ground me some millet. *d.*
  - vii) We will spare the poor a thought
  - viii) The prefect sounded the bell *in*
  - ix) The cake smells wonderful *in*
  - x) Paul bought Kigame a guitar. *d*

b) Explain how the verb in the following sentence is limited according to tense, number, person, and mood. (10 marks)

She *walks* to town daily.

*State*  
*Indicative*  
*Present*  
*3rd person*

*Subjective*  
*Imperative*

- c) Distinguish between the following terms.
- i) Specific and generic reference
  - ii) An agent and a patient
  - iii) Attribute and predicative adjectives.

2. Explain the difference between central and predetermines. (20 marks)

3. Compare and contrast primary and modal auxiliary. (20 marks)

4. i) Describe at least five roles of the genitive case. (10 marks)

ii) Outline and explain the function of passive voice in English.

5. i) Distinguish between the present and past participle. (10 marks)

ii) Discuss the following types of adverbials. (10 marks)

a) Adjuncts

b) Subjuncts

c) Conjuncts