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DATE: APRIL/MAY 2014   MAIN EXAM   TIME: 2 HOURS

Instructions: Answer question one and any other two questions from section B.

1.

a) Analyze the sentences below according to sentence form and sentence function.   (4 Marks)
 (i)   Manchestar won the match last month.
 (ii)   The candidates were delighted after the results.

b) With examples distinguish between a compound and complex sentence.   (4 Marks)

c) Why are adverbials said to be the least integrated element in a clause?   (3 Marks)

d) Identify the type of underlined clauses and state their functions in the sentences below.   (8 Marks)
 (i)   I will come <u>when it stops raining</u>.
 (ii)   The votes <u>that were spoilt</u> were destroyed.
 (iii)   He is <u>what I always dreamt of</u>.
 (iv)   The fear <u>that the world is coming to an end</u> made the citizens confess their sins.

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e) Identify the mood. (1 Mark)
If I were the major of Nairobi, I would make sure the city is always clean.

f) Distinguish between the following concept as used in English Grammar.
Main and subordinate clauses. (4 Marks)

g) Construct a sentence using the auxiliary verb provided as instructed.
   (i) Have as a main verb. (2 Marks)
   Be as a copular verb. (2 Marks)

h) Explain the difference in the usage and grammatical function of the word
in entertaining in the following sentences. (2 Marks)
   (i) She is entertaining the guests.
   (ii) She is very entertaining.

2. Discuss the internal structure and functions of the Adjective and Adverb
Phrases. (20 Marks)

3. Discuss the finite and non-finite usage of verbs. (20 Marks)

4.
a) Discuss the morphological and syntactic features that help us to identify
adjectives. (10 Marks)

b) Construct a sentence of your own for each of the following sentence
patterns and label the sentence parts with the elements. (10 Marks)
   (i)   ASVA
   (ii) SVOO
   (iii) SVOC
   (iv) SVA
   (v)   SVAA.

5.
a) With adequate examples, discuss the structural classification of sentences. (10 Marks)