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UNIT TITLE: GRAMMAR AND ENGLISH
USAGE

DATE: JUNE 2014 SPECIAL/SUPPLEMENTARY EXAM TIME: 2 HOURS

Instructions: Answer question one and any other two questions.

1.

- a) Phrases are the immediate constituents of a sentence. Identify the Noun phrases in the following sentences and explain their functions.
- (i) The gentleman next door is a thief. (2 Marks)
 - (ii) The man, we elected the chairman, will come today. (2 Marks)
 - (iii) The very muscular man killed his wife. (2 Marks)
- b) Identify the head of the phrases in the following phrases and show the modifier – head relationship and the head – complement relationship respectively.
- (i) Their rather dubious jokes. (3 Marks)
 - (ii) Besides a stream. (3 Marks)
- c) Using correctly constructed sentences illustrate the three categories of determiners in noun phrases. (6 Marks)
- (i) Pre – determiners.
 - (ii) Central determiners.
 - (iii) Post determiners.

- d) Using clear illustrations explain the four grammatical categories in which a finite verb can be used to convey information. (12 Marks)
- 2.
- a) Using clear examples explain the usage of auxiliary verbs. (8 Marks)
- b) Change the following sentences into passive voice. (4 Marks)
- (i) The football team elected Emmanuel the captain.
- (ii) The thief stole our goods.
- c) Explain the four types of nonfinite verbs. Use correctly construct sentences for illustrations. (12 Marks)
- 3.
- a) Construct correct sentences using the following sentence patterns. (10 Marks)
- (i) SVO
- (ii) SVCO
- (iii) SVC
- (iv) SVOC
- (v) ASVO.
- b) Use the genitive to express meaning in terms of:
- (i) Origin.
- (ii) Measure.
- (iii) Possession.
- (iv) The role of subject.
- (v) The role of object. (10 Marks)
- 4.
- a) Differentiate between coordinating conjunction and subordinating conjunctions. Use sentences or clauses to illustrate. (6 Marks)
- b) Explain any three uses of the adverbial phrases. (12 Marks)

5.

a) Indicate the mood in the following sentences.

- (i) Did they see the thief. - *indicative*
- (ii) Open the door please. - *imperative*
- (iii) I insist that you leave now. - *Subjunctive*
- (iv) They requested that it goes to the next stages. - *imperative* ?
- (v) Come over immediately. - *imperative*
- (vi) They arrived late. - *indicative*

(12 Marks)

b) Using sentences of your own show the concepts;

- The definite article
- The indefinite article
- The zero articles. - *No article.*

(6 Marks)