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UNIT TITLE: GRAMMAR AND ENGLISH
USAGE

DATE: APRIL/MAY 2014

MAIN EXAM

TIME: 2 HOURS

Instructions: Answer question one and any other two questions.

1.

- a) Identify the subject and the predicate in the following sentences.
 - (i) The mouthwatering duck on the table won't be padding away again. (2 Marks)
 - (ii) The lady next to me lit a cigar. (2 Marks)
- b) Identify the types of verb in each of the following sentences.
 - (i) I bought a banana yesterday.
 - (ii) The baby slept soundly.
 - (iii) They are my greatest enemies.
 - (iv) Mum prepared a delicious meal for the family.
 - (v) They painted the house grey.
 - (vi) Come over. (6 Marks)
- c) Construct sentences using the following sentence patterns.

ASVO
 SVO *Handwritten: Jane is a nurse.*
 SVC *Handwritten: Jane is a nurse.*

SVOA
SVOO

(10 Marks)

- d) Differentiate between the subordinate and independent clause. ^{need}
(4 Marks)
- e) Use the following words as adjectives and adverbs: hard, well, pretty.
(6 Marks)

2.

- a) Explain the four types of non-finite verbs. Use correctly constructed sentences for illustrations.
(12 Marks)

- b) Explain the constituents of complex noun phrase using clear examples.
(8 Marks)

3.

- a) Explain the usage of adverbials.
(6 Marks)

- b) Use the adjective interesting as;
(i) Attributive. (2 Marks)
(ii) Predicative. (2 Marks)

- c) Use the genitive case to express meaning in terms of;
(i) Measure.
(ii) Origin.
(iii) The role of object.
(iv) Possession.
(v) Subject role. (10 Marks)

~~4.~~

- a) Indicate the mood in the following sentences.
(i) Open the door please.
(ii) I insist you leave now.
(iii) They requested that I move on to the next level.
(iv) Come over immediately.
(v) They arrived late.
(vi) Did you see the thief? (12 Marks)

- b) Using your own examples illustrate the three categories of determiners in noun phrases. (6 Marks)
- c) Change the following sentences into passive voice. (2 Marks)
- (i) The class elected Peace the class prefect.

5.

- a) Show the modifier – head relation and the head – complement relation in the following phrases respectively. (8 Marks)
- (i) Their rather dubious jokes.
- (ii) Beside a stream.
- b) Explain the following adverbials using examples of your own. Use them in correctly constructed sentences. (12 Marks)
- Adjuncts.
- Disjuncts.
- Subjuncts.
- Conjuncts.