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UNIVERSITY EXAMINATIONS

ENG 311: ASPECTS OF GRAMMATICAL ANALYSIS II

INSTRUCTIONS

Answers question **one** and **two** other questions.

QUESTION 1 - COMULSORY (30 mks)

(a)Identify the function of the prepositional phrases in the following sentences. (9 mks)

i) To my surprise, we all passed in the exams
ii) On the other hand, he made a true confession
iii)The depend on you
iv)The book on the floor is mine
v) She jumped through the window
vi)The girl in the kitchen is my niece

b) Distinguish between grammatical and structural words. Give one example for each. (5 mks)

(c) Construct two sentences for each of the following words to explain how they can be used as prepositions and conjunctions.16 mks

After
As
Before
But
Like
Since
Till
Until

QUESTION 2 (15 mks)

a) Disambiguate the following sentences (6 mks)

i) They too may come
ii) You must be very quick
iii) He should be in his office

(b) Using examples from English illustrate the use of the following elements. (9 mks)

(i) Subject
(ii) Predicate

(iii) Complement

QUESTION 3 (15 mks)

(a) Explain three types of verbs in English Use proper examples to illustrate your answer. (6 mks)

(b) Discuss English pronouns in terms of Case, Person and number (9 mks)

QUESTION 4 (15 mks)

(a) With adequate examples, explain the differences between primary auxiliary and modals. (9 mks)

(b) Distinguish between subordination and coordination. Give two examples each each to illustrate the concepts. (6 mks)

QUESTION 5 (15 mks)

(a) Identify and label the phrases in the following sentences. (12 mks)
   (i) Mary went home yesterday
   (ii) The white car passed on top of the bridge
   (iii) Tom cried silently
   (iv) The orange was sweet

(b) Draw a tree diagram for the following sentence. (3 mks)
   She put the spoon on the table

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Course description

ENG 311: ASPECTS OF GRAMMATICAL ANALYSIS (42 Contact Hrs; 3 Credit Hrs)

Purpose of the Course
The purpose of this course is to enable students to analyse grammar and the use and writing of English.

Course Content
The form and function of the auxiliary structure in English. Modals in English -form and function. Sentence variations: co-ordination and subordination. Tense and the English verb. Distinction between prepositions and conjunctions. The pronoun system in English. The prepositional phrase: its form and function. The use of words within case grammar.

Main subtopics

- Form and function of the auxiliary structure in English
  - Types of verbs
  - Functions
  - Order of auxiliary in sentences
- Sentence variations
  - Sentence structure
  - Formation
  - Coordination and subordination in sentences

- English verb
  - Tense
  - Aspect
  - Mood and voice
- The preposition
  - types
  - prepositional phrase,
  - form & function
- Pronoun system in English
  - Types
  - functions
- Case grammar
  - types
  - Use of words
  - function of case

Required Texts

1. Biber, D.; Stig, J.; Conrad, S; & Finegan E.(1999). *Longman grammar of spoken and written English.* London, Pearson Education Limited.
2. Milroy, J. (1992). *Linguistic Variation and Change*. London, Blackwell.

Further Readings

1. Quirk, R.; Greenbaum S; Leech, G; Svartvik L. (1985). *A comprehensive grammar of the English Language*. Harlow, Longman.
2. Burton-Roberts, N (1986). *Analysing Sentences*. London, Longman.
3. Palmer, F R (1979). *Modality and the English Modals.* London, Longman.