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FIRST SEMESTER EXAMINATION FOR THE DEGREE OF
BACHELOR OF ARTS AND BACHELOR OF EDUCATION

AEN 101: AN INTRODUCTION TO THE GRAMMAR OF ENGLISH

DATE: Monday, 5th February 2018

TIME: 8.00 a.m. - 10.00 a.m.

INSTRUCTIONS:

Answer question ONE and any other TWO questions.

1. (Compulsory)

- (a) Clearly distinguish between open and closed word classes. (10 marks)
- (b) "The modal auxiliary is unique among verbs." Using examples, discuss its distinctive characteristics. (10 marks)
- (c) Illustrate both the phrasal and clausal functions of the prepositional phrase. (10 marks)

2. (a) Use the following words as instructed:

- (i) smart as an adjective and as an adverb.
- (ii) since as a preposition, an adverb and as conjunction.
- (iii) pretty as an intensifier and as an adjective.
- (iv) fast as a verb, an adjective and as an adverb. (10 marks)

(b) Identify the phrases in the following sentence and state the function of each:

"Quite surprisingly, the new employee has proved immensely useful in the new station. (10 marks)

3. (a) Explain how you would identify adjectives using the morphological criterion.
(10 marks)
- (b) Using illustrations, show the difference in usage between attributive and predicative adjectives.
(10 marks)
4. Briefly explain the meaning of the following grammatical terms:
- (a) Number
 - (b) Person
 - (c) Tense
 - (d) Object
- (20 marks)
5. Identify any FIVE different types of words that can function as determiners and illustrate their usage.
(20 marks)