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BACHELOR OF EDUCATION

AEN 201: DESCRIPTION OF MODERN ENGLISH

DATE: Wednesday, 7th February, 2018

TIME: 11.00 a.m. - 1.00 p.m.

INSTRUCTIONS:

Answer Question ONE and any other TWO questions

Question One (Compulsory)

(a) The executive officer has declared the new branch very timely during the luncheon.

- (i) Identify the types of phrases underlined above (5 marks)
- (ii) Discuss the structure of each phrase (5 marks)
- (iii) Explain the function of each phrase in the sentence (5 marks)

(b) Clearly distinguish between object and complement. Use examples to support your answer.

(10 marks)

(c) Construct clauses containing the following elements:

- (i) SVO
- (ii) SVC
- (iii) SVA
- (iv) VOO
- (v) ASVOC (5 marks)

Question Two

Discuss both the structure and the distinctive features of the adverb phrases. (20 marks)

Question Three

Identify any TWO types of noun clauses and for each, illustrate two sentence functions. (20 marks)

Question Four

(a) Using appropriate examples, illustrate any THREE structural types of sentences. (15 marks)

(b) Identify the mood of each sentence below:

- (i) Listen to the instructions carefully.
- (ii) If I were Donald Trump, I would ignore the tantrums of the North Korean leader.
- (iii) Were you there when they got the award?
- (iv) This exam is a walk in the park.
- (v) What a wonderful presentation that was!

Question Five

Using appropriate examples, discuss the two grammatical devices that help us to avoid repetition in sentences. (20 marks)