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AEN 302: ENGLISH GRAMMAR AND USAGE

DATE: Wednesday 26th July 2017

TIME: 8.00a.m -10.00a.m

INSTRUCTIONS:

ANSWER QUESTION ONE AND ANY OTHER TWO QUESTIONS

Question 1

- a) Identify the noun phases in each of the following sentences and state their functions in the sentences. [10 marks]
- The mother named her Ken.
 - Her parents are great farmers.
 - We presented our grievances to the authorities.
- b) Construct a sentence using the modal auxiliary 'can' to express: [8 marks]
- Asking for permission
 - Making a request
 - Ability
 - Possibility
- c) Identify the adverbial clauses in the following sentences and state their type. [12 marks]
- Visit her if you have time.
 - The girl kept the book where she had picked it from.
 - Make the dough just how I showed you.
 - Since they are early, they can help me prepare lunch.
 - Though he was feeling tired, the motorist drove the car.
 - Ken does not dance as well as Tom.

Question 2

Rewrite the following passage in the passive voice.

[20 marks]

It was her habit to wake up early in the morning. She fed the cows with Napier grass then she milked them. She supplied her three neighbours with milk and the rest she took to the milk depot. Drivers in big vans came early morning at six o'clock to collect the milk. She bought a loaf of bread for her children and sugar for her tea before going back home. During her absence, her children made breakfast and cleaned the utensils before going to school. At school, the matron gave them tea and a snack at break time and also serves all children with lunch later. The teacher taught the student eight lessons each day and later gave them homework which they had to do at school each evening before going home. This routine bored them and some dozed off.

Question 3

- a) State whether the participles in the following sentences are verbal or adjectival.

[12 marks]

- i. The drawing is interesting
- ii. The written word is eternal.
- iii. My father is grazing.
- iv. He has a broken arm.
- v. You have now confused me.
- vi. He was attacked by the armed robbers.

- b) Using illustrations, explain the four classes of adverbials.

[8 marks]

Question 4

- a) Using illustrations, show the following functions of prepositional phrases. [8 marks]

- i. Post modifier in NP.
- ii. Adverbial
- iii. Complement of a verb
- iv. Complement of an adjective

b) Explain the following in usage of the underlined words in the following sentences

[6 marks]

- i. a) He came to the meeting before it started to rain.
- b) He will arrive before noon.
- ii. a) My father has always behaves as a hero.
- b) He carried an umbrella as it was about to rain
- iii. a) They all qualified except that student
- b) He would like to assist them, except there are no funds.

c) Explain any three special uses of the genitive case.

[6 marks]

Question 5

a) Discuss the structures and functions of

i. Verb phrase.

[5 marks]

ii. Adjectival phrase.

[5 marks]

b) Construct a sentence with

[10 marks]

- i. '-ing non finite clause' as a subject.
- ii. '-to infinitive' as a direct object.
- iii. '-ing non finite clause' as a direct object.
- iv. '-to infinitive' as an adverbial.
- v. '-en non finite clause' as an adverbial.