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## UNIVERSITY EXAMINATIONS 2023/2024

THIRD YEAR, FIRST SEMESTER EXAMINATION FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF  
EDUCATION ARTS

### EEL 3301: ASPECTS OF MODERN ENGLISH GRAMMAR AND USAGE

DATE: DECEMBER 2023

TIME: 2 HOURS

INSTRUCTIONS: Answer Question *One* (Compulsory) and any other *Two* Questions

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#### QUESTION ONE - (30 MARKS)

- a) Identify the type of phrases underlined in the following sentences and fully analyse its constituents.
- Both boys escaped unhurt
  - The naughty students might have been being beaten
  - The factories in towns emits toxic fumes
  - Talk to the person on the seat within the auditorium
  - Her sister is rather tall for her age.
  - He eats too fast for my liking. (12 Marks)
- b) Using two clear sentential examples in each explain the following terms
- Tense
  - Aspect (8 Marks)
- c) With clear sentential examples in each explain the following concepts
- Nominative case

- ii) Objective case
  - iii) Genitive case
- (10 Marks)

**QUESTION TWO – (20 MARKS)**

a) Categorize the underlined noun phrases in terms of function and analyse their constituents.

- i) A teachers of English plants seeds of knowledge
  - ii) The board employed a teacher of English
  - iii) The crowd sang president Ruto beautiful songs
  - iv) His father is a minister of foreign affairs
  - v) The board made him a teacher of English.
- (10 Marks)

b) Giving sentential examples of each explain the following;

- i) Central determiner
  - ii) Pre-determiner
  - iii) Post-determiner
  - iv) Pre-head
  - v) Post – head.
- (10 Marks)

**QUESTION THREE - (20 MARKS)**

a) Giving relevant examples discuss the three types of moods. (10 Marks)

b) Using sentential examples discuss the use of the following as pre-modifiers.

- i) Adjectives
  - ii) Participles
  - iii) Nouns
- (10 Marks)

**QUESTION FOUR – (20 MARKS)**

a) Write a sentence with each of the obligatory element patterns and analyse the constituents

- i) SV
- ii) SVA
- iii) SVC
- iv) SVO

- v) SVOO
- vi) SVOA
- vii) SVOC

(14Marks)

b) Using sentential examples explain the following concepts of English grammar.

- i) Finite tense
- ii) Quantifiers
- iii) Qualifiers

(6 Marks)

**QUESTION FIVE – (20 MARKS)**

a) Using the relevant examples explain the following concepts of grammar

- i) Subjuncts
- ii) Conjuncts
- iii) Disjuncts

(10 Marks)

b) Discuss the following functions of phrases in sentences.

- i) Subject function
- ii) Verbal function
- iii) Object function
- iv) Complement function
- v) Adverbial function

(10 Marks)