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MAIN EXAMINATION

FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF EDUCATION
REGULAR GROUP

COURSE CODE: ENG 311.

COURSE TITLE: THE STRUCTURE OF THE MODERN ENGLISH SENTENCE

DATE: 24/5/2022

TIME: 9:00- 11:00 AM

INSTRUCTION TO CANDIDATES

Answer Question ONE and any other TWO questions

TIME: 2 Hours

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QUESTION ONE

- a) With clear examples in each case, differentiate between the following concepts as used in syntax. (16mks)
- i. Clause and sentence
 - ii. Superordinate clause and subordinate clause
 - iii. Finite clause and Non-finite clause
 - iv. Symmetric coordination and asymmetric coordination
- b) Analyse the following sentences in terms of the clause elements SVOAC (10mks)
- i. Yesterday was my birthday
 - ii. They came home very late in the evening.
 - iii. Masinde bought his girlfriend a Christmas gift.
 - iv. Finally, I have completed my studies.
 - v. The Omicron variant is the worst.
- c) Briefly explain why the study of grammar is important. (4mks)

QUESTION TWO

- a. Provide two sentences with each of the following structural specifications (10mks)
- i. A compound sentence.
 - ii. A sentence with a that-clause as object of the sentence.
 - iii. A complex sentence using adverb of time
 - iv. A sentence containing comparative adjective.
 - v. A sentence in exclamative form.
- b) Underline the embedded non-finite clause in each of the following sentences and state its syntactic function; (10mks)
- i. Ryan expects Mary to feed the dog.
 - ii. What Ryan expects is Mary to feed the dog.
 - iii. They all expected her to fail.
 - iv. The proposal to erect the wall was weird.
 - v. The tree toppled by the wind was very strong.

QUESTION THREE

Draw a tree diagram to capture each of the following sentences. (20mk)

- i. Can you come here?
- ii. When did you did you join the university?
- iii. That you abused your father is embarrassing.
- iv. Laughing makes you healthy.
- v. The man we met at the party is my colleague.

QUESTION FOUR

Make brief notes on the following concepts as used in syntax;

- i. Complementizer (5mks)
- ii. Trace (5mks)
- iii. Misplaced modifier (5mks)
- iv. Embeddedness (5mks)

QUESTION FIVE

With clear sentence examples, discuss any FIVE syntactic functions of *adverbial clauses* in a modern English sentence. (20mks)