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

EEL 3301: ASPECTS OF MODERN ENGLISH GRAMMAR AND USAGE

DATE: JANUARY 2025

TIME: 2 HOURS

INSTRUCTIONS: Answer question *one* and any other *two* questions

QUESTION ONE (30 MARKS)

- a. Differentiate the usage of the following grammatical concepts:
 - i. Primary and modal auxiliary verbs. (4 marks)
 - ii. Transitive and Intransitive verbs (4 marks)
 - iii. Active and passive voice (4 marks)
 - iv. Attributive and predicative adjectives (2 marks)
- b. Elaborate on the usage of a determiner within the noun phrase. (6 marks)
- c. Explain **three** functions of the prepositional phrase in a sentence. (6 marks)
- d. Using two examples distinguish between a preposition or conjunction usage in a sentence. (4 marks)

QUESTION TWO (20 MARKS)

Using appropriate **four** examples explain the concept of nominalization in normal everyday speech. (20 marks)

QUESTION THREE (20 MARKS)

Demonstrate using **two** examples in each case the difference in the usage of the verb as finite and non-finite. (20 marks)

QUESTION FOUR (20 MARKS)

Your friend missed the lesson on sentences. Explain to him or her the description of sentences with reference to:

- a. Structure (10 marks)
- b. Function (10 marks)

QUESTION FIVE (20 MARKS)

With the aid of **two** examples in each case differentiate between adjectival and adverbial usages in utterances.