UNIVERSITY OF SWAZILAND

FINAL EXAMINATION

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TITLE OF PAPER: GRAMMAR III: CLAUSE COMBINING AND TEXT **CREATION**

COURSE CODE

: ENG 301

TIME ALLOWED: TWO (2) HOURS

INSTRUCTIONS

: 1. This paper has four questions.

2. Question 1 is compulsory.

3. Choose one other question from question 1 to question 4.

4. Question 1 is worth forty (40) marks, and questions 2 to 4 are worth twenty (20) marks each.

5. Good language will attract credit.

6. This paper consists of 3 pages, cover page included.

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QUESTION 1 – COMPULSORY

- a) Discuss the distinction between coordination and subordination. Illustrate your answer with relevant examples. [10 marks]
- b) Write the first five patterns of the basic simple sentence. Give two examples for each pattern. [10 marks]
- c) With relevant examples, discuss the following cohesive devices used in text creation
 - i) substitution
 - ii) repetition

[10 marks]

- d) Identify the nature and syntactic function of the dependent clauses in the sentences below
 - i) In life we must face the fact that we do not have all we want.
 - ii) The grasshopper was singing while the ant was storing food.
 - iii) I saw the teacher who taught me how to analyse a clause.
 - iv) The question is whether he can do the job.
 - v) Mr Ndumo is the only lecturer always arrives earlier than the students.
 - vi) No one would tell me who came to Sikhanyiso's party.
 - vii) Since I have lived here, I have learnt a lot about the culture of the people.
 - viii) They fought about who deserved the trophy.
 - ix) I am not sure if they will find this question manageable.
 - x) Nobody knows the place where Moses was buried.

[10 marks]

QUESTION 2

With the aid of examples, discuss ellipsis as a linking device in clause combining and text creation. [20 marks]

QUESTION 3

Discuss in detail how the adverbial is used in the expansion of the basic simple sentence in English. Illustrate your answer with relevant examples.

[20 marks]

QUESTION 4

- a) What do you understand by the following processes in text creation?
 - i) the distinction between cohesion and coherence [4 marks]
 - ii) the distinction between anaphoric reference and cataphoric reference [4 marks]
 - iii) structural parallelism [2marks]
- b) Identify and discuss the significance of the cohesive devices in the following text

Heavy rainfall has an adverse effect on road safety. It causes poor visibility for drivers and road surfaces often become treacherous. As a result, unless drivers adjust to the conditions, accidents can and do happen. Furthermore, pedestrians tend to be less careful in bad weather and this leads to accidents too. While they are protecting themselves from the elements, they sometimes fail to see approaching vehicles, and it is unknown for someone to step into the road in front of a fast-moving car or lorry which has been obscured by an umbrella. Where deep pools of water gather on badly drained roads this often gives rise to unnecessary accidents too.

[10 marks]