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FIRST SEMESTER EXAMINATION

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- TITLE OF PAPER:** GRAMMAR 1: A SURVEY OF ENGLISH GRAMMAR
- COURSE CODE:** ENG 101
- TIME ALLOWED:** TWO (2) HOURS
- INSTRUCTIONS:**
1. THIS PAPER HAS FOUR (4) QUESTIONS.
 2. ANSWER **TWO** (2) QUESTIONS
 3. QUESTION **ONE** (1) IS COMPULSORY AND IS WORTH **40** MARKS.
 4. CHOOSE THE SECOND QUESTION FROM QUESTIONS 2 TO 4. THESE ARE WORTH **20** MARKS EACH.
 5. PROPER USE OF LANGUAGE AND LINGUISTIC CONVENTIONS ARE A REQUIREMENT.

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Question 1 (compulsory)

a) Discuss in detail **four** varieties of language; use the English Language as an example. (10 marks)

b) List **5** types of pronouns in English, and give two examples for each.

(10 marks)

c) (A) What is the distinction between variable nouns and invariable nouns?

(5 marks)

(B) For each of the following nouns state whether it is variable or invariable?

i) cough

ii) money

iii) analysis

iv) provocation

v) radio

(5 marks)

d) Explain how the Prescriptive Grammar Approach has contributed to the study of the English language. (10 marks)

[40 marks]

Question 2

b) Discuss **three** syntactic functions of adverbs. Illustrate your answer with relevant examples. (Remember to give a detailed claim, examples and a comment for each function).

[20 marks]

Question 3

What do you understand by the following?

a) Abstract and collective nouns (10 marks)

b) Preposition (10 marks)

Illustrate your explanation with relevant examples.

[20 marks]

Question 4

a) Draw tree diagrams of the following sentences:

i) The boys and the noisy girls were left stranded by the train.

(6 marks)

ii) The youngest child was not very sick.

(4 marks)

b) Distinguish between morphophonemic rules and transformational rules. Give one example for each. (10 marks)

[20 marks]