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COURSE NAME : **GRAMMAR II – PHRASES AND CLAUSES**

COURSE CODE : **ENG 201**

INSTRUCTIONS : **This question paper consists of four (4) questions**
ANSWER TWO QUESTIONS IN TOTAL
ANSWER QUESTION 1 AND ANY OTHER QUESTION
Each question is worth thirty (30) marks)
Good English will attract credit

DURATION : **TWO HOURS**

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Question 1 (Compulsory)

- A) Below is a passage that contains various kinds of phrases. Answer each question by selecting the best option from the list offered.

Once upon a time, there was an extremely rich merchant who was quite excessively fond of cats. He very rarely went to his shops in the city without one of them, and his favourite cat's name was written on the front doors of all his shops.

- i) What is the first phrase in the story?
- a) Once upon
 - b) Once upon a
 - c) Once upon a time
 - d) Once upon a time there was.
- ii) What is the phrase that starts with an?
- a) An extremely
 - b) An extremely rich
 - c) An extremely rich merchant
 - d) An extremely rich merchant who was quite excessively fond of cats
- iii) What class phrase is “**an extremely rich merchant**” who was quite excessively fond of cats?
- a) noun phrase
 - b) Prepositional phrase
 - c) Adverbial phrase
 - d) Adjective phrase
- iv) What class of phrase is “**in the city**”?

- a) Noun phrase
- b) Prepositional phrase
- c) Adverbial phrase
- d) Adjective phrase

v) What is the syntactic function of "in the city"?

- a) Adverbial
- b) Adjectival
- c) Nominal
- d) Prepositional

vi) What does "without one of his cats" modify?

- a) city
- b) Cats
- c) Very rarely went
- d) His shops

vii) What class of phrase is "without one of his cats" ?

- a) Adverbial
- b) Adjectival
- c) Nominal
- d) Prepositional

viii) What is the function of the prepositional phrase "on the front doors"?

- a) Adverbial
- b) Adjectival
- c) Nominal
- d) Prepositional

ix) What is the word **name** modified by

- a) Written
- b) Front doors

- c) His favourite cat's
- d) None of the above

x) What is the noun phrase that has semantically functioned as an agent in the second sentence?

- a) His shops
- b) The city
- c) He
- d) His cats

xi) What is the noun phrase that has functioned as the affected in the first sentence?

- a) A time
- b) An extremely rich merchant
- c) Excessively fond
- d) Cats

[11 marks]

B) Using appropriate subordinate and coordinating conjunctions where necessary, condense the passage below into three (3) clauses.

The great fire of London occurred in 1666. It started in a bakery in Pudding Lane, near London Bridge. It burnt furiously. In four days it destroyed four-fifths of the city. It left about 100 000 people homeless. Samuel Pepys, the diarist, saw the fire from his home. He has given us a vivid account of it.

(3 marks)

C) Identify the nature of each of the sentences in the passage below.

¹It was March, 7. ²I remember because it was the day I lost my mother. ³I was alone in a small house several kilometres away from the nearest road. ⁴It was a very cold night, and there was no moon. ⁵Although I had been in bed for several hours, I had not fallen asleep because I was so cold. ⁶To help me sleep, I started to count – not sheep but my own breathing. ⁷It was then that I heard a faint scraping noise, first on the door and then moments later, on the window. ⁸I held my breath in terror.

(8 marks)

D)

The following paragraphs are a veritable butcher's shop of fragments. Rewrite the paragraph, repairing the fragments as you go along. Some slight re-wording may be required.

Although women's college basketball in Connecticut is a marvellously entertaining and popular sport. It not hard to remember. When it was not so popular. Which is hard to believe. Only a few years ago, my friends and I to go to a women's basketball game. And we could get seats for free near center court. Especially on Sunday afternoons. Of course, that before names such as Rebecca Lobo, Jenn Rizzotti, and Kara Wolters became household words. Lobo's book, HOME-COURT ADVANTAGE, which she wrote with her mother. A best-seller in Connecticut. If more than a couple of hundred fans showed up for a game. It was considered a big turnout. And games were played in practically silent gyms. Because the fans didn't care who won. Nowadays, it almost impossible to buy tickets to a women's game, and you can't get seats. Unless you know someone. (8marks)

Question 2

With the aid of examples, discuss the following tests for phrasehood

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| a) Echo test | (5 marks] |
| b) Function test | (5 marks] |
| c) Proform/Anaphora Test | (5 marks] |
| d) Ellipsis test | (5 marks] |
| e) Question and answer / Fragment test | (5 marks] |
| f) Movement test | (5 marks] |
| | (30 marks] |

Question 3

- a) With the aid of two examples per claim, discuss both the pre and the post head dependants in a noun phrase. (30 marks)

Question 4

a) With the aid of two examples per claim, discuss the following grammatical functions of the noun phrase in an independent clause.

- i) Complement (5 marks)
- ii) Object (5 marks)
- iii) Appositive (5 marks)

b) With the aid of examples, discuss the tensed and non-tensed verb phrases in English. (15 marks)