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MAIN EXAMINATION – DECEMBER 2017

COURSE TITLE : GRAMMAR II – PHRASES AND CLAUSES
COURSE CODE : IDE-ENG 201
DURATION : TWO HOURS
INSTRUCTIONS : THIS QUESTION PAPER CONSISTS OF FOUR
QUESTIONS.

ANSWER TWO QUESTIONS IN TOTAL,
QUESTION ONE AND ANY OTHER

ALL QUESTIONS ARE WORTH 30 MARKS EACH

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CONVENTIONS MAY RESULT IN A LOSS OF
MARKS

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QUESTION 1 – COMPULSORY

- a) Write a one page essay on the topic: **Children usually walk on the footprints of their parents.**

[10 marks]

- b) Identify the nature and state the syntactic functions of the underlined constituents in the sentences below:

- i) Frankly speaking, I have had enough of your complaints.
- ii) The man swearing loudly is my cousin.
- iii) My students are eager to pass this examination.
- iv) If they fail, they have nobody but themselves to blame.
- v) After his fashion show, Manqoba became a celebrity rather suddenly indeed.
- vi) I have always wanted to paint my room lemony yellow
- vii) Sihle hurried home because her parents were waiting for her
- viii) Our boss supports donating time to charity.
- ix) Down the street are the shoes he saw in the catalogue.
- x) My mother helped me keep on track.

½ mark for nature, 1 mark for function= [15 marks]

- c) The irate invigilator reprimanded the students who arrived late for the examination.

Use a tree diagram to represent the sentence in c) above. [5 marks]

QUESTION 2

- a) Discuss the following tests for phrasehood
- i) Echo test [5 marks]
 - ii) Movement test [20 marks]
 - iii) Substitution test [5 marks]
- b) Use one of the tests you have discussed above to identify the phrases in the sentence:
- The angry students rioted and vandalised the institution's property.
- [5 marks]

QUESTION 3

- i) Show by means of examples how a gerund phrase is different from a verb phrase. [5 marks]
- ii) Discuss the grammatical function of a gerund phrase. [10 marks]
- iii) Discuss the difference between an adverbial and an adverb phrase. [5 marks]
- iv) Is 'during examination time' an adverb phrase, an adverbial or a prepositional phrase. Support your answer. [5 marks]
- v) Is to ignore in *To ignore instructions is very dangerous* a verb phrase, an infinitive phrase or noun phrase. Support your answer. [5 marks]

QUESTION 4

- a) With the aid of examples, differentiate between a clause and a sentence. [5 marks]
- b) Discuss the nature of each of the clauses below. Give reasons to support any claim you make.

- i) While Amanda prepared supper, Lindani did the dishes and Sandile set the table.
- ii) Several students were arrested for being violent.
- iii) As he walked majestically to the podium, we couldn't help but envy him.
- iv) This book is an enjoyable read; one cannot put it down for a minute.
- v) Amanda, Sandile and Lindani always walk together to the nearest shops. **[15 marks]**
- c) What is a sentence fragment? **[2 marks]**

Repair the following fragments:

- i) Maxwell who is representing the students in the Faculty of Humanities. **[1 mark]**
- ii) I found a good restaurant in Mbabane. One which I will not forget anytime soon. **[1 mark]**
- iii) Since the head teacher resigned. **[1 mark]**
- d) Show by means of **R** if any of the following clauses are restrictive and **NR** if they are not.
- i) That little girl who is wearing a ponytail is my niece.
- ii) Students that do not apply themselves fully should not be allowed here.
- iii) This garden which was quite beautiful contained many varieties of tomatoes.
- iv) Students who stay near the university are lucky because they have unlimited access to the internet.
- v) A child that is not properly groomed is a nuisance in society.

[5marks]