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KIRIRI WOMENS' UNIVERSITY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY
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FIRST YEAR, FIRST SEMESTER EXAMINATION
FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF EDUCATION
(ARTS)

Date: 14th December, 2020
Time: 11.30am – 1.30pm

KEN 2101 – ENGLISH GRAMMAR AND USAGE

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

ANSWER QUESTION ONE (COMPULSORY) AND ANY OTHER TWO QUESTIONS

QUESTION ONE (30 MARKS)

- a) Briefly discuss the term Grammar in the study of linguistics. (5 Marks)
- b) What is the difference between the following types of verbs?
i) Finite and non-Finite Verbs
ii) Regular and irregular verbs
iii) Phrasal and prepositional verbs (9 Marks)
- c) Compare the traditional grammatical classification of word classes with the modern approach. (10 Marks)
- d) What makes the modern approach more reliable? (6 Marks)

QUESTION TWO (30 MARKS)

- a) Construct a sentence to illustrate each of the following English structures;
i) Subject –Verb-Direct Object
ii) Subject –Verb-Indirect Object
iii) Subject –Verb- Complement
iv) Subject- Verb-Indirect Object –Direct Object
v) Subject –Verb-Direct Object –Object Complement (10 Marks)
- b) What is mood and how is it expressed with auxiliary verbs. Illustrate with four auxiliaries. (10 Marks)

QUESTION THREE (30 MARKS)

- a) Giving illustrative examples in each case, distinguish between the following pairs of words in the study of linguistics
- i) Adverb and an adjective
 - ii) Transitive and Intransitive verbs.
 - iii) Primary auxiliary and Modal Auxiliary verbs (12 Marks)
- b) From the sentences given below, point out the incorrect grammar and explain the mistake
- i) Neither the onions nor the cabbage were for sale
 - ii) Children took the test, went out and to rest.
 - iii) Every boy and girl are collecting harambee money
 - iv) He is baking and is selling cakes (8 Marks)

QUESTION FOUR (30 MARKS)

- a) Citing appropriate examples, describe in detail five word formation processes in English. (10 Marks)
- b) With appropriate illustrations, explain the functional differences between coordinating and subordinating conjunctions. (10 Marks)

QUESTION FIVE (30 MARKS)

- a) Give two possible passive transformations for each sentence
- i) Someone will lend you enough money
 - ii) Somebody told me the secret
 - iii) Has anyone sent you the report
 - iv) They say that she is unreliable
 - v) People think that he is radical (10 Marks)
- b) Complete each sentence below by making a complement for the adjective out of the expression in the parenthesis
- i) We were positive..... (The car runs)
 - ii) The advocate was insistent..... (The case is postponed)
 - iii) We became aware (Their good deeds)
 - iv) She is now familiar (The rules of the game)
 - v) My friend was quick..... (She noticed the mistake) (10 Marks)