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OF BACHELOR OF ARTS WITH EDUCATION & BACHELOR OF ARTS IN
LANGUAGES

COURSE: ENGLISH SYNTAX

DATE: DECEMBER 2017 DURATION: 3 Hours

INSTRUCTIONS: (a) Answer only any **four** questions

(b) Do not write on this question paper

(c) Mobile phones are not allowed in the Examination Room

1. (a) Describe the basic elements of a sentence structure
- (b) Identify the Subject, Predicate, and where appropriate, Direct Object and Indirect Object
 - (i) The older boys ate very many mangoes
 - (ii) The students paid school fees in time
 - (iii) Western Countries sell them arms
 - (iv) He is attending lectures
 - (v) Rose is painting a picture

2. Draw tree diagrams for the following sentences and establish the word categories and function:
 - (i) The girl went to the theatre
 - (ii) The Judge was in the courtroom
 - (iii) She gave her teacher a gift
 - (iv) The boy is eating mangoes
 - (v) The young girl is dancing vigorously

3. Write short notes on five of the following terms:
 - (a) Nouns vs Pronouns
 - (b) Verbs vs Adverbs
 - (c) Transitive verb
 - (d) Intransitive verb
 - (e) Ditransitive verb
 - (f) Coordinating Conjunction
 - (g) Subordinating Conjunction
 - (h) Correlative Conjunctions
 - (i) Independent clause vs. Dependent clause

4. (a) With illustrations discuss any three types of sentences and explain their function in the English sentence structure.

(b) Identify the errors in the following sentences.

Explain what kind of grammatical errors they are, and correct them.

(i) I don't want no noise

(ii) Because I ate dinner

(iii) I will eat meat for lunch and drank juice with my lunch

(iv) This is the problem I am confronted to

(v) The story is about a woman who's son was arrested

5. With ample examples, explain the following sentence structures:

(a) Simple sentences

(b) Compound sentences

(c) Complex sentences

(d) Compound-complex sentences

6. Name the **part of speech** of each of the underlined word in the following sentences:

(a) The early¹ train arrived early²

(b) I am content with what I have

(c) Jim opened the contents of the letter

(d) That is the very car he bought

(e) Jacob was very happy to buy the car cheaply

(f) Jackie deals in different kinds of produce

(g) They produce five tonnes of grain every year

(h) My mother has just arrived from the village

(i) God is faithful and just to forgive us our sins

(j) The fast¹ car sped fast¹ and overtook mine