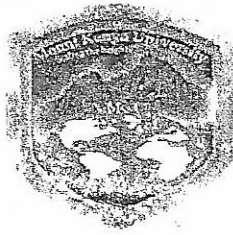


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Answer questions one and any other two questions.

1. a) Mention and give examples of the various functions of the noun phrase. (12 marks)
- b) Using examples, state the function of primary auxiliary verbs. (10 marks)
- c) i) What is ellipsis? (2 marks)
- ii) In what three ways can ellipsis be done? (6 marks)
2. Clearly explain what ellipsis in coordination is. (20 marks)
3. a) Describe the structure of the noun phrase. (15 marks)
- b) Identify the prepositional phrases in the following sentences and say whether they are noun phrases or clauses.
  - i) I will take you to the railway station. (1 mark)
  - ii) I will take you to wherever you want. (1 mark)

iii) He was walking along the railway line. (1 mark)

iv) He pushed the bicycle along. (1 mark)

v) He placed it on the table. (1 mark)

4. Describe the various types of participles and their usage. (20 marks)

5. Explain what transitive verbs are and say the categories that they are divided into. (20 marks)