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**SECOND YEAR FIRST SEMESTER EXAMINATIONS FOR
THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF EDUCATION
ARTS WITH INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY**

CITY CAMPUS - SCHOOLBASED

AEN 204: THE STRUCTURE OF ENGLISH SENTENCE I

Date: 19th December, 2016

Time: 11.00 - 2.00pm

INSTRUCTIONS:

- Answer Question ONE and any other TWO.

Q1.COMPULSORY

Q1 (a) Study the following sentences and identify any TWO levels of ambiguity in each sentence (20 marks)

- (i) The mouse saw the cat on the mat with the hat.
- (ii) The students were moved.
- (iii) I found Millicent an excellent teacher.
- (iv) Old men and women.
- (v) Flying planes can be dangerous.
- (vi) The fear of the policeman.
- (vii) It is the lady that I cannot stand.
- (viii) The new ideas were advanced.
- (ix) The glass was broken.
- (x) I saw the tourist with a telescope.

(b) Explain any FOUR types of agreement in English syntax (10 marks)

Q2. With the aid of TWO examples from the English language, describe each of the following verb types:

- (i) Intransitive verbs (4 marks)
- (ii) Monotransitive verbs (4 marks)
- (iii) Ditransitive verbs (4 marks)
- (iv) Complex transitive verbs (4 marks)
- (v) Copula verbs (4 marks)

Q3. Using appropriate illustrations, discuss the merits and demerits of the notional approach and the structural approach of the English sentence structure (20 marks)

Q4(a). Discuss any FIVE types of mood in the English sentence using at least TWO examples (10 marks)

(b) With the aid of tree diagrams, account for the following transformation processes

- (i) Sub-Auxillary inversion
- (ii) Passivization
- (iii) Equi-NP deletion (10 marks)

Q5 Analyze the following TEN sentences into elements of clause structure:

- (i) Professor Chomsky ate the cake.
- (ii) Alison became angry suddenly.
- (iii) The Queen gave her a tiara.
- (iv) Morris Chestnut is handsome.
- (v) Chief Wang'ombe laughed for two seconds.
- (vi) Eddah named the baby Susan.
- (vii) She hit the thief with a hockey stick.
- (viii) Atsutsa met Dalmas at the restaurant.
- (ix) Tamia has been in Texas since 1992.
- (x) The hunter was shouting loudly with the aim of attracting the onlookers' attention.

(20 marks)