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DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF EDUCATION, BACHELOR OF ARTS  
WITH INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY**

**CITY CAMPUS – SCHOOL BASED**

**AEN 205: THE ENGLISH GROUP**

Date: 20<sup>th</sup> December, 2016

Time: 3.00 - 6.00pm

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**INSTRUCTIONS:**

- Answer Question ONE and any other TWO



1a) Identify the prepositional phrases in the sentences below and state the function. (10 marks)

- i) Kabura wore a blouse with yellow flowers.
- ii) Mwamburi left the office in a hurry.
- iii) The investigators from the anti-corruption unit arrested the corrupt politicians.
- iv) It was dishonest of Mwadime to hide some information.
- v) Mercy was annoyed with what she heard.

b. With examples from English, discuss the following concepts of determiners in noun phrases:

- i) Pre-determiners
- ii) Central determiners
- iii) Post determiners

( 10 marks)

c. Using the rules on order of adjectives, construct a sentence using each of the set of adjectives listed below (10 marks)

- i) brown / big / mahogany

- ii) cold / hungry/ wet
- iii) university/public/new
- iv) big /yellow/tasty
- v) kinky/black/long

2. Using illustrations from English, discuss adjuncts, conjuncts and disjuncts. (20 marks)

3. a) With examples, explain the following elements of the Verb Phrase:

- i. Tense
- ii. Aspect
- iii. Mood

(12 marks)

b) Distinguish between the finite verb phrases and non- finite verb phrases in English language. (4 marks)

c) Classify the underlined words/expressions as either finite or non-finite verb.

- i. He drinks heavily every evening.
- ii. I found her driving reckless.
- iii. Having been offended before, she cried.
- iv. She was waiting in the room when the clock chimed.

(4 marks)

4. a. With relevant examples, describe the use of the definite articles under the following sub-headings (12 marks)

- i) Generic use
- ii) Anaphoric use
- iii) Uniqueness
- iv) Sporadic reference

b. Using illustrations, explain the different ways in which adjectives can be used predicatively. (8 marks)

**5 a)** Discuss the features of pronouns in English under the following sub-headings: case, gender, genitive and number. (12 marks)

**b)** Describe the uses of **four** modal verbs (8 marks)