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

(HOMA BAY CAMPUS - REGULAR)

AEN 204: THE STRUCTURE OF THE ENGLISH SENTENCE I

Date: 30th March, 2014

Time 8.00 - 11.00 a.m.

INSTRUCTIONS:

- **Answer Question ONE and any other TWO questions.**



Q1. Clearly distinguish the surface structure from the deep structure in the transformational grammar (10 marks)

Explain the following transformational grammar

- (i) The passive transformation (10 marks)
- (ii) Wh-movement (10 marks)

Q2. (a) Use illustrations to discuss these elements in a sentence

- (i) Subject
- (ii) Complement
- (iii) Adverbial/Adjunct
- (iv) Object

(b) Draw the phrase structure tree for the sentence below

The little boy fed the cat

(c) Use the sentence in (b) to explain any three tests for constituenthood (20 marks)

Q3.(a) Explain the concept of concord in English grammar

(b) Demonstrate how concord has been achieved in the following sentences

- (i) The student's methodology was questioned by the examiner
- (ii) It appears unlikely to be useful

(iii) The installation of high speed cameras on busy intersection in Nairobi has caused a lot of dissatisfaction. (20 marks)

Q4. (a) Construct a sentence each using the following clause patterns

- (i) Copular clause
- (ii) Ditransitive clause
- (iii) Oblique clause
- (iv) Complex transitive clause

Q5. Read the following sentences and answer the questions that follow

The witness picked out Otieno

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- a. Draw the surface structure of each of the sentences (8 marks)
- b. What is the deep structure (4 marks)
- c. Explain particle movement in the clause structure above (8 marks)