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DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF EDUCATION WITH INFORMATION  
TECHNOLOGY**

**(CITY CAMPUS - SCHOOL BASED)**

**AEN 205: THE ENGLISH GROUP**

*Date: 29<sup>th</sup> November, 2013*

*Time: 9.00 - 11.00am*

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- Answer QUESTION ONE and any other TWO questions.

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**Q1. a)** Identify all the adverbials in the following sentences and indicate their phrasal categories and functions

- a) Fortunately, we arrived on time
- b) Besides, we thanked them profusely
- c) Mary always answers the phone quickly
- d) Otherwise, she lets the phone ring for a long time (8 marks)

**b)** Insert the adjectives provided in brackets in the appropriate places to act as modifiers in the following sentences:

- a) The man was seen next to the table. (crazily lopsided)
- b) The labourers of his company went on a riot. (dissatisfied with their wages)
- c) The breeze revived them. (fresh from the recent rain)
- d) The mob began to disperse. (drunk and disorderly) (4 marks)

**c)** Using adequate illustrations, comprehensively discuss the following concepts of determiners in Noun Phrases:

- a) Pre-determiners
- b) Central determiners
- c) Post determiners (10 marks)

**d)** Providing, at least, two examples for each notion below, describe how the Definite Article is used in:

- i. Uniqueness
- ii. Previous mention
- iii. Common understanding
- iv. Universal application (8 marks)

Q2. a) With examples, explain the following elements of the Verb Phrase:

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

(12 marks)

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

- i. He drinks heavily every evening.
- ii. I found her driving the blue thunderbird.
- iii. Having been offended before, she cried.
- iv. She was waiting in the room when the clock chimed. (4 marks)

c) Make a distinction between the **two** sentences paying particular attention to the semantic meaning of the modal auxiliaries used.

- i. I can reach the house very fast.
- ii. They must read the set book by Chinua Achebe. (4 marks)

Q3. Discuss how Number, Case and Gender are manifested as inflectional categories of Nouns. (20 marks)

Q4. a) Using suitable examples show what you understand by:

- a) Temporal adverbs
- b) Vehicle adverbs
- c) Instrument adverbs
- d) Frequency adverbs
- e) Manner adverbs

(10 marks)

b) Using **two** illustrations for each concept below show how adjectives are used in:

- i. Attributive position
- ii. Predicative position
- iii. Postposed position

(10 marks)

Q5. a) Describe, with examples, the **four** types of adjectives in English (12 marks)

b) Differentiate the following noun types:

- i. Common nouns vs Proper nouns
- ii. Collective nouns vs Compound nouns
- iii. Abstract nouns vs Concrete nouns
- iv. Countable vs Uncountable nouns

(8 marks)