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**SECOND YEAR SECOND SEMESTER EXAMINATIONS FOR THE  
DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF EDUCATION (ARTS) WITH  
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY  
(HOMA BAY CAMPUS – SCHOOL BASED)**

**AEN 205: THE ENGLISH GROUP**

Date: 7<sup>th</sup> April, 2014

Time: 2.00 – 4.00 p.m.

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1. a) Using the rules on the order of adjectives, construct a sentence using each of the set of adjectives listed below. (10 marks)
- i) Black/leather/expensive
  - ii) Cold/hungry/wet
  - iii) Purple/old/woolen
  - iv) Tall/naughty/three
  - v) University/private/two
- b) Identify all the adverbials in the following sentences and indicate their phrasal categories and functions (10 marks)
- i) Fortunately, we arrived on time.
  - ii) Besides, we thanked them profusely.
  - iii) Mary always answers the phone quickly.
  - iv) Otherwise, she lets the phone ring for a long time.
  - v) Frankly, I don't enjoy swimming in the morning.

c. For each of the following elements in the noun group, construct two sentences:  
(10 marks)

- i) a premodifier + a noun
- ii) a possessive + a noun
- iii) correlate conjunction
- iv) a demonstrative + a noun
- v) relative pronoun

2. Describe the features of pronouns in English under the following sub-headings:

- a) Case (5marks)
- b) Gender (5marks)
- c) Genitive (5marks)
- d) Number (5marks)

3. 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)

4. a. Using examples, discuss the uses of any **five** modal verbs. (10 marks)

b. Using suitable examples show what you understand by the following:

- i) Temporal adverbs
- ii) Vehicle adverbs
- iii) Instrument adverbs
- iv) Frequency adverbs
- v) Manner adverbs

(10 marks)

5. 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) Cataphoric use
- iv) Logical reference

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