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

(CITY CAMPUS - SCHOOL BASED)

AEN 204: THE STRUCTURE OF ENGLISH SENTENCE

Date: 29th November, 2013

Time: 2.00 - 4.00pm

INSTRUCTIONS:

- Answer QUESTION ONE and any other TWO questions.

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Q1. COMPULSORY

Identify and illustrate any FIVE types of complements in English syntax.

(30 marks)

Q2. a) The following constructions are ambiguous.

Restate them to bring out the possible interpretations (10 marks)

- i. John looked hard.
- ii. The fear of the judiciary.
- iii. They watched the rising star.
- iv. Bill met his friend crying.
- v. Jane loves Mike more than John does.
- vi. Flying planes can be dangerous.
- vii. She did not go out to water the plants.
- viii. She was at the café.
- ix. The secretary was asked to type the letter by the chief.
- x. If the visitors don't like our seats, get them out of here.

2b) Identify the cause of ambiguity in each case. (10 marks)

Q3. Explain the distinction between the form and function of mood in the following clauses: (20 marks)

- i) I would have gone had it rained.
- ii) Did the lecturer call out my name?
- iii) Will you shut the window?
- iv) I take it that you smoke cigarette.
- v) Shut up!
- vi) I wish you could finish your work.
- vii) Do I have to suffer like this?
- viii) If I were the boss I would sack you.
- ix) The bus passes by every two hours.
- x) Had I known earlier, I would have stayed away.

Q4. Providing at least TWO examples for each from the English language, define the following: (20 marks)

- (i) Sentence:
- (ii) Clause:
- (iii) Phrase:
- (iv) Constituent:

Q5. Discuss the notion of concord in English syntax. (20 marks)