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KIRIRI WOMENS' UNIVERSITY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY
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FIRST YEAR, FIRST SEMESTER EXAMINATION
FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF EDUCATION(ARTS)
KEN 2101ENGLISH GRAMMAR AND USAGE 1

Date: 14th August 2024

Time: 11.30am-1.30pm

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES:

ANSWER QUESTION ONE (COMPULSORY) AND ANY OTHER TWO QUESTIONS

QUESTION ONE (30 MARKS)

- a) i) Explain the difference between dependent (subordinate) clauses and independent clauses by providing **three** examples of each. (5 marks)
ii) Analyze their grammatical roles within sentences. (5 marks)
- b) Discuss the concept of arbitrariness in language by providing examples to illustrate how the relationship between linguistic signs and their meanings can be arbitrary. (10 marks)
- c) Reconstruct the following jumbled sentence into a grammatically correct and coherent sentence:

"often / he / weekends / spends / reading / the / at / beach / novels / on /." (2 marks)

- d) Identify and correct the word order errors in the following sentences:
- i) "Quickly the dog ran across the yard." (2 marks)
- ii) "She always is late for class." (2 marks)
- iii) "They will finish the project next week definitely." (2 marks)
- e) Rewrite the following sentences to emphasize the underlined word by using inversion:
- i) "She only realized her mistake after the exam was over." (2 marks)
- ii) "He has never seen such a beautiful sunset before." (2 marks)

QUESTION TWO (20 MARKS)

- a) i) Explain the concept of displacement in language. (5 marks)
ii) How does this trait differentiate human language from animal communication systems? Exemplify. (5 marks)
- b) Identify the tense of the verbs in the following sentences and explain their usage.
- i) By the time the guests arrived, the host had prepared all the food. (2 marks)
- ii) She will be traveling to Japan next summer. (2 marks)
- iii) They have been working on this project for three months. (2 marks)
- iv) He writes a letter to his grandmother every week. (2 marks)
- v) The play was performed brilliantly last night. (2 marks)

QUESTION THREE (20 MARKS)

- a) Discuss the difference in aspect between the following pairs of sentences describing what the aspect tells us about the action's completion, duration, or repetition

Pair one (4 marks)

- i) She reads books in her free time.
- ii) She is reading a book right now.

Pair two (4 marks)

- i) They had finished their homework before the movie started.
- ii) They have finished their homework.

Pair three (4 marks)

- i) He was playing soccer when it started to rain.
- ii) He played soccer yesterday.

- b) i) Describe the notion of productivity (or creativity) in language. (4 marks)
- ii) How does this trait enable speakers to generate an infinite number of sentences?
Provide examples to support your explanation. (4 marks)

QUESTION FOUR (20 MARKS)

- a) Create a sentence using the following tenses and aspects. Provide a brief context for each sentence to explain its use.
- i) Past simple. (3 marks)
 - ii) Present continuous. (3 marks)
 - iii) Future perfect. (3 marks)
 - iv) Past perfect continuous. (3 marks)
 - v) Present perfect. (3 marks)
- b) Differentiate between coordinate conjunctions and subordinate conjunctions (5 marks)

QUESTION FIVE (20 MARKS)

- a) Analyze the importance of the duality of patterning in language structure and how this trait contributes to the efficiency and versatility of human communication. Illustrate your points. (14 marks)
- b) Explain the difference between definite and indefinite articles in English by providing three examples for each type of article used with common nouns. (6 marks)