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**SECOND YEAR SECOND SEMESTER EXAMINATION FOR THE  
DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF EDUCATION ARTS WITH INFORMATION  
TECHNOLOGY**

**HOMABAY CAMPUS – SCHOOL BASED**

**AEN 204: THE ENGLISH SENTENCE I**

Date: 28<sup>th</sup> April, 2016

Time: 8.00 – 4.00pm

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INSTRUCTIONS:

- **Answer Question ONE and any other TWO Questions**



1. With relevant examples, discuss any FIVE tests used to determine constituent structure in the English sentence. (30 marks)
2. With clear illustrations, discuss the importance of the following in Transformational Generative Grammar
  - (a) Phrase Structure Component (10 marks)
  - (b) Transformational Component (10 marks)
3. Explain how selectional restrictions and verb sub-categorization frames aid in the elimination of syntactically well-formed but semantically odd sentences of the type
  - (a) The aeroplane frightened the trees.
  - (b) The food spotted the guests. (20 marks)
4. Make a clear distinction between the following clause types with regard to their syntax and semantics.
  - (a) Declarative (5 marks)
  - (b) Imperative (5 marks)
  - (c) Interrogative (5 marks)
  - (d) Exclamative (5 marks)
5. Draw well labeled syntactic trees for the following sentences. (20 marks)
  - (a) That car will hit the house.
  - (b) She fainted.
  - (c) The auditor in the ministry must put the details in his report.
  - (d) The President and the Cabinet Secretary will visit the schools tomorrow.