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

**HOMABAY CAMPUS – SCHOOL BASED**

**AEN 205: THE ENGLISH GROUP**

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

Time: 11.00 - 1.00pm

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INSTRUCTIONS:

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

1. With clear illustrations from English, show how the following approaches are used in the study of the English phrase structure.
  - (a) Phrase Structure Rules (10 marks)
  - (b) Syntactic trees (10 marks)
  - (c) Labeled bracketing (10 marks)
  
2. With detailed description, make a clear distinction between tense and aspect in English. (20 marks)
  
3. "The adverb is an item that does not fit the description for other parts of speech." (Quirk, *et al.* 1972). Discuss the appropriateness of this statement with relevant illustrations. (10 marks)
  
4. Explain how the morphology of the English noun differs from that of the verb. (20 marks)
  
5. With examples from English, draw the distinction between
  - (a) Finite verb phrases. (10 marks)
  - (b) Nonfinite verb phrases (10 marks)