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DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF EDUCATION ARTS WITH
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY**

CITY CAMPUS-SCHOOL BASED

AEN 204: THE STRUCTURE OF ENGLISH SENTENCE I

Date: 9th February, 2016

Time: 11.00 - 1.00 pm

INSTRUCTIONS:

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Answer question **ONE** and any other **TWO** questions.

1 a) With adequate examples from English, provide a structural account of the grammatical subject. (12 marks)

b) Identify and describe four kinds of predicates found in English grammar. (8 marks)

c) Indicate the elements of clause structure of the underlined parts in the sentences provided below:

i. The weather is turning warmer.

ii. Patricio was driving his mother crazy.

iii. Agwambo had made a great mistake.

iv. I didn't tell Wamboi anything.

v. The residents call Ogonje professor.

vi. The tailor made Diana a wedding gown.

(10 marks)

2. Providing examples from English language, describe the following verb types:

i. Intransitive (5 marks)

ii. Monotransitive (5 marks)

iii. Ditransitive (5 marks)

iv. Copula (5 marks)

3. Use phrase structure rules to analyse the following sentences:

- i) The donkey died in the morning.
- ii) Brenda walked elegantly down the lane
- iii) Jane broke the glass.

b) Discuss the various manifestations of mood in English grammar. (8 marks)

c) Describe three types of discontinuous structures that are found in English grammar using relevant examples. (6 marks)

4. Describe each of the following illustrating your answer with examples from English:

- i) Theme (4 marks)
- ii) Extraposition (4 marks)
- iii) Cleft sentences (4 marks)
- iv) Thematic fronting (4 marks)
- v) Expletives (4 marks)

5. Explain the source of **ambiguity** in each of the following constructions and provide at least two different interpretations that can be derived from each one of them: (20 marks)

- i. Patricio loves Juliet more than Leonah.
- ii. I found Cheronno a diligent teacher.
- iii. The glass was broken.
- iv. The thought of seeing the doctor alone distressed me.
- v. It is the lady that I can't stand.
- vi. Last week's motions were advanced.
- vii. The child was wearing a new shirt and sweater on his birthday.