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

MAIN CAMPUS

AEN 205: THE ENGLISH GROUP

Date: 27th April, 2016

Time: 8.30 - 10.30 am

INSTRUCTIONS:

- Answer question ONE and any other TWO questions.



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1a) Identify the prepositional phrases in the sentences below and state the function. (10 marks)

- i) Maria wore a blouse with white dots.
- ii) Mwamburi left the office in a hurry.
- iii) The investigators from the anti-corruption unit arrested the corrupt politicians.
- iv) It was dishonest of his father to hide some information.
- v) Mercy was annoyed with what she heard.

b. Construct two sentences each, with the following elements of the phrase structure. (10 marks)

- i) Premodifier + a noun
- ii) Noun + relative pronoun
- iii) Demonstrative + a noun
- iv) A possessive + a noun
- v) Post-head modifier

c. Using the rules on order of adjectives, construct a sentence using each of the set of adjectives listed below (10 marks)

- i) brown / big / mahogany

- ii) cold / hungry/ wet
- iii) university/public/new
- iv) big /yellow/tasty
- v) kinky/black/long

2. Using illustrations from English, discuss adjuncts, conjuncts and disjuncts. (20 marks)

3. a) With examples, explain the following elements of the Verb Phrase:

- i. Tense
- ii. Aspect
- iii. Mood

(12 marks)

b) Distinguish between the finite verb phrases and non- finite verb phrases in English language. (4 marks)

c) Classify the underlined words/expressions as either finite or non-finite verb.

- i. He drinks heavily every evening.
- ii. I found her driving the blue thunderbird.
- iii. Having been offended before, she cried.
- iv. She was waiting in the room when the clock chimed.

(4 marks)

4. a. With relevant examples, describe the use of the definite articles under the following sub-headings (12 marks)

- i) Generic use
- ii) Anaphoric use
- iii) Uniqueness
- iv) Sporadic reference

b. Using illustrations, explain the different ways in which adjectives can be used predicatively. (8 marks)

5 a) Discuss the features of pronouns in English under the following sub-headings: case, gender, genitive and number (12 marks)

b) Identify and explain four types of pronouns. (8 marks)