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# UNIVERSITY EXAMINATIONS

## 2021/2022 ACADEMIC YEAR

### SECOND YEAR SECOND SEMESTER REGULAR MAIN EXAMINATION

## FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF EDUCATION (ARTS)

**COURSE CODE: ENG221**

**COURSE TITLE: ENGLISH SYNTAX I**

**DATE: JUNE 2, 2022**

**TIME: 14:00- 17:00**

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## ENG221 ENGLISH SYNTAX I - MAIN EXAMINATION

STREAM: B.Ed. (ARTS)

TIME: 3 HOURS

Answer question **ONE** and any other **TWO** questions**Question One**

- a) Provide an illustration of each of the **four** functions found in the Noun Phrase. (12 Marks)
- b) Determine the phrase type and grammatical function of each of the underlined phrases below.
- i. Her ability to dance is amazing.
  - ii. His death is still mysterious.
  - iii. He found an illustration of the president. (9 Marks)
- c) Identify by underlining all the Prepositional Phrases in the following sentences:
- i. The dancers with ribbons sat on the floor.
  - ii. He put the book beside the pen on the table.
  - iii. The children walked silently along the road. (5 Marks)
- d) Describe the syntactic functions of the NPs in the following sentence: (4 Marks)
- The smoke from the wet firewood made them very sick.

**Question Two**

- a) i. Define the term *apposition* and provide any **two** appropriate examples. (4 Marks)
- ii. Discuss any **three** characteristics of *apposition*. (6 Marks)
- b) Identify by underlining the modifier functions in the structures below:
- i. The beautiful girl in the room is Anne.
  - ii. A university student was here. (6 Marks)
- c) Classify the items used in modification in the structures in (b) above. (4 Marks)

**Question Three**

Compare and contrast the Adjective Phrase with the Adverb Phrase in the English language. (20 Marks)

**Question Four**

- a) Apart from *tense*, discuss and provide **two** illustrations of each of the **three** other functions found in the English Verb Phrase. (12 Marks)
- b) Analyse the significance of *tense* in the English language. (8 Marks)

**Question Five**

- a) Explain and provide an illustration for each of the following concepts:
- i. Restrictive relative clauses

- ii. Non-restrictive relative clauses (10 Marks)
- b) Outline the modification of the Preposition Phrase in the structures below:
  - i) Out in the fields
  - ii) Exactly at midday
  - iii) Four miles past the bridge (6 Marks)
- c) Distinguish between the phrases found in the following sentences:
  - i) He fell down.
  - ii) He fell down the river. (4 Marks)

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