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HEN102/HEC102: INTRODUCTION TO ENGLISH GRAMMAR

END OF FIRST SEMESTER EXAMINATIONS

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DURATION: 3 HRS

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Answer any **three** questions. All questions carry **equal** marks.

2. Number your answers carefully.

3. Begin each answer on new page and write legibly.

Answer any **three** questions

Question 1

(a) With the aid of examples, explain any two differences between content and functional words. [10 marks]

(b) Using **two** examples in each case, explain the following sub-types of verbs:

- i. Phrasal verbs
- ii. Transitive and intransitive verbs.

[10 marks]

Question 2

A word is a morpheme or a complex of roots and affixes, or a compound, which can occur freely" (Stabler, 2012: 6). Using **five** examples, explain how accurate this morphological view is about a word. [20 marks]

Question 3

According to Dostert (2009: 39), "Morphemes are defined as the smallest meaning-bearing units in language". To what extent is this assertion true about morphemes in the English language? Use **four** clear examples to illustrate your answer. [20 marks]

QUESTION 4

"Coordinate conjunctions are connectors in compound sentences just as subordinate conjunctions are in complex sentences" (Shepherd, 2003: 69). Comment on the descriptive truth of this assertion. Illustrate your answer with **four** examples for each type of conjunctions. [20 marks]

Question 5

Using three examples for each type, explain any **three** features of compound and complex sentences in the English. [20 marks]

Question 6

Using **two** examples for each type, explain how a creative writer can use repetition, reference and conjunction as cohesive devices.

END OF EXAMINATION