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MAIN EXAMINATION

JANUARY- APRIL 2019 TRIMESTER

FACULTY OF ARTS AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

DEPARTMENT OF LANGUAGE, LITERATURE AND COMMUNICATION

PART TIME PROGRAMME

ENG 301: ENGLISH GRAMMAR AND USAGE

Date: APRIL 2019

Duration: 2 Hours

INSTRUCTIONS: Answer Question ONE and any other TWO Questions

- Q1. (i) Highlight and briefly explain six grammatical information available in the dictionary **(6mks)**
(ii) What is usage **(2mks)**
(iii) What is the weakness with most usage guides writers have prepared? Explain satisfactory **(4 mks)**
(iv) Briefly put a case for an objective description of usage **(4mks)**
(v) What is preferential usage **(2mks)**
(vi) Highlight three regularities that grammar usage relate to? **(3mks)**
(vii) Explicate three aspects that distinguishes English usage from English grammar **(6mks)**
(viii) Usage is largely prescriptive, posit a case for this statement **(3mks)**
- Q2. With salient examples put a case for constituent structure grammar theory **(20 mks)**
- Q3. Discuss the notion, form and functioning of verb phrase **(20mks)**
- Q4. Discuss with adequate examples **(20 mks)**
(a) Subject complement
(b) Adverbial complement
(c) Object complement.

Q5 How do grammars distinguish between generic and specific references **(20 mks)**

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