

NATIONAL UNIVERSITY OF LESOTHO

B.A. SUPPLEMENTARY EXAMINATIONS

ELG 2303 INTRODUCTION TO ENGLISH GRAMMAR

December 2022

MARKS 100

TIME: 3HRS

Instructions: Answer **ALL** questions

Marks will be deducted for poor grammar and style.

Question 1

- (a) Differentiate between descriptive grammar and prescriptive grammar. (16)
- (b) Discuss the benefits of studying grammar. (14)
- (c) Write brief notes on:
 - i. Linguistic Competence. (5)
 - ii. Universal Grammar (5)

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Question 2

- a) Construct a sentence in which:
 - i. The subject is a noun clause and the object is a noun phrase. (3)
 - ii. The subject is a noun phrase and the object is a noun clause. (3)
 - iii. The subject is a noun clause and the object is a noun clause. (4)
 - iv. The subject is a noun clause and the complement is a noun clause. (4)
- b) With examples, show how the knowledge of clauses can assist writers in constructing well-structured paragraphs. (15)

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Question 4

(a) Construct the following types of compound sentences:

- i. Illative
- ii. Contrastive
- iii. Conjunctive
- iv. Alternative (16)

(b) Write a paragraph that consists of at least two simple sentences, at least three complex sentences and at least three compound-complex sentences. (14)

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