

**NATIONAL UNIVERSITY OF LESOTHO**

**B.A/B.ED EXAMINATIONS**

**ELG 2303: INTRODUCTION TO ENGLISH GRAMMAR**

**JANUARY 2024**

**MARKS: 100**

**TIME: 3 HOURS**

**INSTRUCTIONS:**

- **ANSWER QUESTION 1 AND ANY OTHER TWO**
- **WRITE LEGIBLY**
- **MARKS WILL BE AWARDED FOR CORRECT GRAMMAR AND SPELLING**

**QUESTION 1**

- a) What is grammar? (4)

With the knowledge of grammar that you have, explain any five issues that might have possibly led to the scenario where a five year old Mosotho child speaks Setswana as his/her first language.

You might find these points beneficial to help you tackle this question.

- Universal Grammar
- Linguistic competence
- Linguistic performance

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**QUESTION 2**

- a) What is the importance of correct spelling as part of grammar? (10)
- b) Identify words written in American English in the following paragraph and change them into British Standard English.

Yesterday, I went to the shopping center to buy a liter of milk. Unfortunately, I did not check the date of expiry. Arriving at home, I opened a box of milk and found that the color of milk

had changed to yellow. Its flavor was no longer good too. I narrated the story to my neighbor and she advised me to return it. The manager in the store looked at the milk and apologised. He then gave me a pint of fresh milk.

(5)

c) At the beginning of 2023/2024 academic year, your friend is confused as to whether she/he can choose an **introduction to English grammar** as one of the courses to study or not. Convince him/her that **introduction to English grammar** is the best course ever, so must include it in the courses to study.

(8)

d) Construct the following sentences:

- i) A sentence with a noun phrase complement.
- ii) A sentence in which an adverbial phrase post- modifies a verb.
- iii) A sentence with the A+B+C verb phrase structure.
- iv) A sentence with a noun phrase functioning as a subject.
- v) A sentence with a prepositional phrase functioning as an adverbial.

(10)

### QUESTION 3

- a) What are the four types of grammatical roles within a clause? (4)
- b) Give two sentences which illustrate a **predication adjunct** and a **sentence adjunct** and briefly explain each situation. (9)
- c) Underline the adverbials in the following sentences and tell their types in relation to the grammatical role each plays in a sentence.
  - i. He readily read the chapter for the whole class.
  - ii. They visited their aunt in the evening.
  - iii. Certainly, everyone must acknowledge that.
  - iv. Please, would you sit down?
  - v. Annoyingly, we left the papers behind.
  - vi. To put it bluntly, I think you should leave.
  - vii. Possibly they will not be here.
  - viii. So you think, in other words, that he will resign.
  - ix. To sum up, all students are encouraged to study grammar.
  - x. On the other hand, they can be advised to read extensively. (20)

#### QUESTION 4

Analyse the following sentences into clauses, stating the kind and function of each clause. Use the table to give your answers, for example,

CLAUSE	TYPE	FUNCTION

Competitors in this year's edition of Roof of Africa face stricter rules to maintain the aesthetic nature of the environment and have been advised to exercise caution through populated areas to avoid being penalised. There have been complaints in the past when villagers around the route were unhappy that their crops and vegetation were destroyed during the event, causing them massive losses. Lesotho Off-road Association (Lora) Public Relations Officer (PRO) Keketso Malebo warned that severe measures will be taken against competitors who fail to comply. He emphasised that they now work hand in hand with village chiefs and councilors in areas around the route to ensure compliance.

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