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END OF SEMESTER EXAMINATIONS

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TIME: 2 HOURS

INSTRUCTIONS:

- This paper consists of **TWO** Sections **A** & **B**.
- Section **A** is **Compulsory**.
- Answer any other **Four** questions in Section **B**.

This paper consists of Four printed pages.

SECTION A (Compulsory)

QUESTION 1

- a) Rewrite the sentence below in the outlined tenses
Natalie was reading.
- i) The future progressive tense (1mark)
 - ii) The past perfect tense (1marks)
 - iii) The present simple tense (1mark)
 - iv) The conditional tense (1mark)
 - v) The present perfect progressive tense (1mark)
- b) State any FIVE characteristics unique to spoken English. (5marks)
- c) State any FIVE characteristics unique to written English. (5marks)
- d) Rewrite using the correct verb from the choice in brackets. (5marks)
- i) The condominium project has (set, sat) there untouched for a year.
 - ii) When I last saw the contract, it was (laying, lying) near the printer.
 - iii) After they had (gone, went), I was able to do my own homework.
 - iv) The value of our shares has been steadily (raising, rising) all day.
 - v) Anthony and Grace (came, come) over last night to use my computer.
- e) Giving appropriate examples, distinguish between a declarative and an imperative sentence. . (5marks)
- f) Punctuate the phrases and sentences below. (5marks)
- i) winners girls high school
 - ii) the lions paw
 - iii) its her fault
 - iv) you are an embarrassment
 - v) you are under arrest shouted the policeman

SECTION B (Attempt any FOUR questions)

QUESTION 2

The following are two errors that English speakers and writers make while constructing sentences. Discuss each error, giving tangible examples and ways of rectifying.

- i) Run- on sentences. (5marks)
- ii) Over subordinated sentences (5marks)

QUESTION 3

- a) Complete the sentences below using the appropriate word from the given choice. (10 marks)
Bow, advice, effect, differ, affect, exaggerate, defer, exhilarate, bore, advise.

- i) Because she did not want to _____ with her father, she decided to _____ her studies until Further notice.
- ii) The accident was instigated by the _____ of the drug on the driven. He insisted on taking it as much as he had been warned that it would _____ his driving.
- iii) He is known to _____ his stories in order to _____ his reader
- iv) The postnatal doctor often _____ experienced mothers to keep from offering all kinds of _____ to new and inexperienced mothers.
- v) He is such a _____ as he expects everyone to _____ down to his commands.

QUESTION 4

You undertook your internship at ABC media ltd. Among the responsibilities you handled were: news collection and writing, designing and circulating the online internal newsletter and conducting research for feature stories. Write a one page report of your internship. (10 marks)

QUESTION 5

Rewrite the sentences below using the correct degree of comparison of the word in brackets. (5marks)

- i) Usain Bolt is the _____ (swift) runner of all time.
- ii) These fruits are _____ (good) than the ones we bought yesterday.
- iii) Grace is the girl with the _____ (long) hair in class.
- iv) Nathan is _____ (bad) than his best friend Jonathan.
- v) The eucalyptus is among the _____ (tall) trees in the world.
- vi) You should dress _____ for interviews. (formal)
- vii) This is undoubtedly the _____ coffee we have ever drunk. (bad)
- viii) Bill gates is the _____ of the software manufacturers. (powerful)
- ix) Brenda is often _____ than her twin sister Nadia. (calm).
- x) Sales are usually _____ towards the end of the year at the beginning. (high)

b) Complete the sentences below using the appropriate quantifier from the given choice. (5marks)

- i) There isn't _____ found in the pot.
- ii) There are _____ oranges in the refrigerator.
- iii) He cannot come with us as he only has _____ money left.
- iv) _____ People will admit their faults.
- v) Have you _____ relatives in this company.

QUESTION 6

Write out the sentences below according to the rules of written English. (10marks)

- i) Er I thought you said your name is Juddie?
- ii) I can't locate your house.
- iii) He was just a tall Oh! We should be leaving now!
- iv) This is your assignment?
- v) You mean you cannot get my pen? How now?
- vi) By the way, we bought you a present on our way home from the show.
- vii) Nancy, I was saying you should travel tonight.
- viii) Me I think Ezekiel is just but a liar.
- ix) Can't read right now.
- x) She is traveling with Paul, as in, ... her youngest son.

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