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THIS EXAMINATION PAPER CONTAINS SIX [6] QUESTIONS IN FOUR [4] PAGES.

Answer FOUR [4] questions, QUESTIONS NO. 1 AND 2 in Section A are COMPULSORY and TWO [2] questions from Section B.

Equal marks are allocated to all questions.

SECTION A - BOTH questions are COMPULSORY

1. Read the following passage carefully and then answer the questions that follow.

He was a man of considerable charm and humour. But he had the unerring ability to freeze out those who disagreed with him. This included his staff as well as his wife. His wife's mother experienced his ruthless streak and obdurate nature. When he complained that her daughter had delivered a boy instead of a girl, she told him that he should have been thankful his first-born was healthy. The mother-in-law was feeling hurt. From that moment on Shan decided he would rather he go his own way and Sheila followed her own life's style.

Neither of these two strong personalities have given in to each other. Sheila thought that when they appointed her Vice-President of the Corporation, it was going to be a bed of roses. Sitting on her laurels she was happy as days passed by. The divide between the two of them was irreparable. To please her, the corporation gave Sheila a fashionable condominium in the heart of Kuala Lumpur. As far as is practicable they lead separate life's, joining forces only to maintain a facade of unity. Sheila, whose good looks has made the covers of numerous magazines in Malaysia is content to live her life with her two children.

- (a) From the above passage:
- i. Write out phrases or sentences that contain grammatical errors.
 - ii. Correct and then explain each error in a sentences or two.
- (b) Using information contained in the passage pick out a sentence with:
- i. an operator
 - ii. a dependent noun clause
 - iii. a direct and indirect object
 - iv. the SVOCA form
 - v. a Dynamic, Intensive, Intransitive verb + subject complement + Adverb.
2. Read the following passage carefully and then answer the questions that follow.

Leaving us at the gate like that was very thoughtless. It made us feel very unhappy. We never imagined that such a thing could happen. We went our way thinking how inconsiderate people in this world could be. Neighbours had given us an account of our 'friends' dangerous Dobermans. Before they attacked they barked furiously at us. Fortunately my Golf club -- a seven-iron - saved us from a savage attack from our friend's so-called pets. We parted in a huff.

- (a) From the above passage pick out the following:
- i. a complex finite verb phrase
 - ii. a complex non-finite clause
 - iii. an adjectival phrase
 - iv. a finite clause
 - v. an adverb phrase

(b) Explain briefly - a paragraph at most the following grammatical concepts.

- i. Objects and Complements
- ii. Stative and Dynamic verbs
- iii. Clauses
- iv. Finite and non-finite verbs.
- v. Conjunctions, Adjuncts and Disjuncts.

SECTION B - Answer any TWO [2] questions

3. Write on the syntactic functions of adjectives paying particular attention to the following areas.

- (a) Attributive and predicative
- (b) Post positive (or post-posed)
- (c) Adjective as head of a noun phrase
- (d) Verbless adjectival clauses

4. In English it is generally the adverb that dictates the syntactic functions of an adverb phrase. Write on the syntactic functions of an adverb functioning as:

- (a) an adverbial
- (b) a modifier of an adjective
- (c) a modifier of an adverb
- (d) a modifier of a prepositional phrase
- (e) a modifier of a noun phrase.

5. Look at this sentence.

All the first three students were Africans. The underlined words in the above sentence are all part of a Noun Phrase. They include determiners, pre-determiners and post-determiners.

Write on any two [2] premodifiers of the Noun Phrase.

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6. (a) What is meant by Constituent Structure. Commence your answer by analysing this sentence:

The dog frightened the child.

(b) Draw a tree diagram for this sentence:

The rumour that the dog chased the child frightened me.

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