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Duration : 3 hours

Please check that this examination paper consists of **FOUR** pages of printed material before you begin the examination.

Answer **ALL** questions.

1. Explain why the process of conversion is also known as 'zero derivation'. Then describe the conversion of the underlined words in the sentences below. Clarify your answer with further examples.

[a] They speak like the Whites do in the South

[b] They had a fine catch of fish

[c] The bully elbowed him in the stomach

[d] John buttered his toast

[e] Can you empty the bin?

[25 marks]

2. EITHER

[a] Biber et al. (2002) group words into three major families according to their main functions and their grammatical behaviour. Discuss. Support your answer with clear examples.

OR

[b] The relationship between sentence patterns and communicative functions is not straightforward. Discuss why you agree or disagree with the above statement. Provide examples to support your answer.

[25 marks]

3. Study the newspaper extract below and answer the following questions.

[a] Identify one NP with an AdjP pre-modifier and one PP with a non-finite clause complement.

[5 marks]

[b] Identify one appositive NP and state its discourse function in the article.

[5 marks]

[c] Identify one restrictive relative clause and one non-restrictive relative clause.

[5 marks]

[d] State the discourse function which each type of relative clause above conveys in the article?

[5 marks]

Doing nothing can kill

Life as a couch potato is more deadly than smoking, according to new research which found more people in Hong Kong died from lack of physical activity than from tobacco consumption.

The study of Hong Kong residents aged over 35 who died in 1998 found a lack of physical activity caused more than 6,400 deaths a year, compared with just over 5,700 from smoking, the *South China Morning Post* reported.

Relatives of 24,079 people who died in 1998 were questioned about the amount of leisure-time physical activity the deceased engaged in during the decade before their deaths, it said.

The research was carried out by the University of Hong Kong and the Department of Health.

"We calculated that about 20% of all deaths in Hong Kong people aged 35 and above could be attributed to a lack of physical activity. This amounted to 6,450 deaths," the Post quoted Lam Tai-hing, head of the university's department of community medicine, as saying.

"Deaths due to physical inactivity exceeded those due to smoking in 1998," he said.

Physical activity was defined as any form of activity or exercise outside work.

"Over half of the people in Hong Kong do not have enough physical activity. We can even say that they are grossly inadequate," Lam said.

Just 29% to 36% of the men who died had been active at least once a month, and 30% to 36% of the women.

The professor said smoking and lack of physical activity were both deadly.

"There are many people who do not smoke, but they also have very low levels of physical activity. So the message to them is: it is fine if you do not smoke. But if you do not exercise, then you are (still) at high risk," Lam said.

For inactive adults, the risk of dying from cancer increases 45% for men and 28% for women, the researchers found.

The risk of dying from respiratory ailments, which is very high, soars 92% for men and 75% for women, while the rise of dying from heart disease rises 52% for men and 38% for women.

The Star, 28 July 2004

4. Using box diagrams, identify the dependent and independent clauses in the sentences below and label each dependent clause as adverb clause, relative clause or noun clause.

[a] The fact is that the community needs them. [3 marks]

[b] Although Beckam failed to score, he was considered a hero. [3 marks]

[c] Maria, who was Mariam's daughter, was a *pontianak*. [3 marks]

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[d] What the President did was totally unacceptable. [3 marks]

[e] The tour was cancelled due to the rain. [3 marks]

5. Choose either [i], [ii] or [iii].

[i] Describe and illustrate five characteristics of phrases. [15 marks]

[ii] Describe and illustrate five syntactic functions of pronouns. [15 marks]

[iii] Describe three major differences between open word classes and closed word classes. [15 marks]