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THIS EXAMINATION PAPER CONTAINS EIGHT (8) QUESTIONS IN TWO [2] PAGES.

Answer **All** questions.

1. Discuss the major morphological processes in English and their effects on the language.
2. Comment on the following statement.
The verb is the most important part of speech.
3. State why these nonsense sentences sound acceptable and identify the grammatical categories for each word in the sentences.
 - a) He craltered his splod and scrot out a neelying goat.
 - b) They strentered folicly until a mangar veenned to fomble them.
4. Identify the functional categories (e.g. subject, object, complement) in the following sentences and classify each verb as transitive, intransitive, ditransitive or intensive.
 - a) All work and no play makes Jack a dull boy.
 - b) A man's first care should be to avoid the reproaches of his own heart.
 - c) Every human society has what is called in the theaters a third substage.
 - d) Experience has taught us many lessons.
 - e) Linguistics is exciting.

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5. What are phrase-structure rules? What functions do they have? Give examples of a phrase structure rule, real (for any language) or artificial.
6. Determine whether the underlined relative clauses are restrictive or non-restrictive. (Note that orthographic commas have been removed deliberately from where required)
 - a) The politician defected to the opposition party which annoyed the Prime Minister.
 - b) I ran into the Peter Pistoffsky who your father fired last week, not the Peter Pistoffsky who your sister jilted last week.
 - c) My sister who lives in Singapore is going to work in Malaysia next year.
 - d) The child uttered a sentence which I have never heard before.
 - e) Anyone who listens to that kind of music cannot be normal.

Describe in detail the structural differences between the two types of relative clause.

7.
 - a) Provide a tree diagram for each of the following sentences.
 - b) For each of the underlined groups of words determine whether it is a constituent, and if it is, give its name.
 - i) Witches frighten him
 - ii) The skies deluged the earth with water
 - iii) A ghost has the spirit of a dead person
 - iv) Do ghosts exist in the physical world?
 - v) Does she believe that ghosts exist?

8. It has been claimed that despite their superficial similarity, the following examples have different syntactic derivations.

- a) She is likely to win the race
- b) She is eager to win the race

Discuss the nature of this difference and the criteria by which the two types of construction can be distinguished.