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**MASINDE MULIRO UNIVERSITY OF
SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY
(MMUST)**

UNIVERSITY EXAMINATIONS

2023/2024 ACADEMIC YEAR

FOURTH YEAR FIRST SEMESTER EXAMINATIONS

BACHELOR OF EDUCATION (ARTS)

COURSE CODE: ENG 410

COURSE TITLE: DESCRIPTION OF MODERN ENGLISH

DATE: MONDAY 11TH DECEMBER, 2023 TIME: 3:00PM-5:00PM

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

Question ONE (1) is compulsory

Answer THREE (3) questions

TIME: 2 Hours

MMUST observes ZERO tolerance to examination cheating

- i) Synchronic and diachronic studies.
- ii) Paradigmatic and syntagmatic relations.
- iii) Prescriptive and descriptive grammar.
- iv) Case syncretism and Exceptional case marking.

QUESTION THREE (20 MARKS)

Show and explain the phrase marker derivation for each of the following S-structure sentences (5 marks each):

- i) The visitors intend to return to the country.
- ii) Hunt it down at the graduation square.
- iii) Whom didn't the Principal reward?
- iv) They recovered the vehicle that had been donated.

QUESTION FOUR (20 MARKS)

a) Identify and explain the structural co-occurrence relations for italicized constituents in each of the following sentences (8 marks):

- i) There was *a/an/the mango* on the floor of the kitchen.
- ii) She *often plays* in the hot sun.
- iii) *The students washed* the carpet before the end of the day.
- iv) The Priest *left* the pulpit *hastily*.

b) Describe the highest criterion of adequacy for the grammar of a language (8 marks).

c) Illustrate the principle of English grammar represented by the rule - VP \longrightarrow S (4 marks).

QUESTION FIVE (20 MARKS)