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**1<sup>ST</sup> SEMESTER 2025/2026 ACADEMIC YEAR**

### **FOURTH YEAR EXAMINATIONS FOR BACHELOR OF EDUCATION (ARTS)**

**ENGL 412: ADVANCED DESCRIPTION OF MODERN ENGLISH**

***STREAM: R***

***TIME: 2 HRS***

***DAY: FRIDAY (8.30-10.30AM)***

***DATE: 30/01/2026***

**THIS QUESTION PAPER CONSISTS OF THREE (3 PAGES)**

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**INSTRUCTIONS:****Answer question one and any other TWO questions.****QUESTION ONE**

1. (a) Construct a sentence to illustrate by underlining each of the clause elements listed below:
- (i) Subject
  - (ii) Direct Object
  - (iii) Indirect object
  - (iv) Adverbial
  - (v) Subject complement
  - (vi) Object complement **(12 marks)**
- (b) Choose any TWO predeterminers and any TWO post determiners and construct appropriate sentences using each of them to demonstrate your understanding of the concept DETERMINER in English. **(6 marks)**
- (c) Choose and discuss any ONE CENTRAL DETERMINER to show the importance of the determiner system in English. **(8 marks)**

**QUESTION TWO**

- 2(a) Briefly distinguish the structural and semantic criterion of the description of modern English. **(6 marks)**
- (b) Discuss the semantic criterion in the description of clause elements in modern English. Use appropriate examples. **(16 marks)**

**QUESTION THREE**

- 3(a) Underline and indicate the type of the subordinate clause in each of the following sentences;
- (i) I believe that the students are doing their best in their studies. **(2 marks)**
  - (ii) A reading culture is what the students need. **(2 marks)**
  - (iii) The staff rejoiced when the semester resumed. **(2 marks)**
  - (iv) This is what you will present in class. **(2 marks)**

- (v) After the service, the worshippers left. (2 marks)
- (vi) The lecturer likes students who engage in discussions. (2 marks)
- (b) Draw a phrase structure tree diagram for each sentence in (a) above to illustrate the **function** of the underlined constituent for i-v. (10 marks)

#### QUESTION FOUR

4. (a) Explain the structure and function of the auxiliary structure in English? (10 marks)
- (b) Differentiate epistemic modality and Deontic modality using appropriate examples. (12 marks)

#### QUESTION FIVE

5. (a) Discuss any FIVE characteristics of question tags in the English language. (12 marks)
- (b) Critically discuss any 5 problems that learners encounter when learning the grammatical category above. (10 marks)