

UGANDA MARTYRS UNIVERSITY
Institute of Languages and Communication Studies
English Language Grammar
Year One, Semester One exam
For Nkozi and Rubaga campuses

Date: 17th January, 2022

TIME: 9:30am-12:30am

Instructions: Answer all questions

1. a) Define a preposition (5 marks)
b) List all prepositions in the sentences below and indicate, in brackets, the words they govern.
For example in the sentence: 'Pin your placards on the wall', the preposition is "on" and it governs the word "wall". So the answer should be – on (wall).
 - i) Most people in Kampala hate street vendors. (2 marks)
 - ii) So many buildings are going up in the city. (2 marks)
 - iii) Place the basket under the table. (2 marks)
 - iv) At that time he was well known as a fanatic in the religious cause. (2 marks)
 - v) In an hour we obtained a view of the hills. (2 marks)
2. a) What is a sentence? (5 marks)
b) List the four types of sentences, and give one example for each type. (10 marks)
3. Using the Harvard referencing style, write a reference for the second edition of an imaginary book called Advanced Education at Uganda Martyrs University written by Amola Patel in 2021 published by Nkozi Publishers in Kampala, Uganda. (5 marks)
4. Explain any two of the characteristics of academic writing with a good example to illustrate each. (10 marks)

5. Write an example of a periodic sentence and explain why it follows the characteristics of a periodic sentence and not that of a loose sentence. (10 marks)
6. Read the passage below and write notes that summarise its main argument in not more than 100 words. (25 marks)

There were many obstacles to the development of commerce in the Middle Ages. Dangers by land and sea had to be considered by the merchant who wished to send his goods to some distant part; but as the towns grew and multiplied, the resolution and ingenuity of man rendered it possible for commerce to increase steadily, till by the dawn of the modern period every country in Western Europe had felt its beneficent influence.

When we think of the poorness of communication, the vast forests, the inferior roads, the unbridged rivers, and the innumerable foes lining the trade routes, it would seem, at first sight, almost an impossibility in the north of Europe to have intercourse with those of the south.

Then, again, the narrow spirit of the Middle Ages, the survival of feudalism, offered a difficulty which was almost as prohibitive to the transportation of merchandise as the robbers and pirates, noble and ignoble, who lay in wait for the trembling merchant. There was an elaborate system of dues and tolls which made most goods when they arrived safely at their destination a luxury beyond the means of the average man; and, furthermore, it was the practice of governments in those days to prohibit and prevent passage through their countries.

Yet in spite of all difficulties the groups of towns which were developing in Northern and Southern Europe, and the manufacturing centres of the East and West, steadily increased their wealth and prosperity.

7. Listening is one of the four skills in communication. List the other three and explain why each of the four skills is valuable to you as a student. (20 marks)