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2019_1 EXAMINATION

COURSE CODE: ENG321

COURSE TITLE: CONTEMPORARY ENGLISH USAGE

TIME: 3 Hours

INSTRUCTION: Answer any **3 (three)** questions

1 (a) In language, there is no form without function. Discuss **(13 marks)**

(b) Give the grammatical name (form) and the grammatical function of the underlined expression in each of the following:

- (i) The man fell into a pit. (ii) He was inside the pit for many days.
(iii) I do not know what you want. (iv) James saw the rat which ate my fish.
(v) Roy is a belly dancer **(10 marks)**.

(23 marks/1 hour)

2. Discuss the differences between British English and American English, providing appropriate Examples. **(23 marks/1 hour)**

3. Underline the deviations in the following usages and recast them in standard/formal British English.

- (a) You people have not done your work well.
(b) He must have to write the examination if he wants to be promoted.
(c) The Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC) has not done their work well.
(d) I wrote down her address should in case I forget it.
(e) My brother and his fiancée are doing their marriage next week.
(f) We met the two couple fighting in their bedroom with their little baby crying in her cot.
(g) There was a fatal automobile road accident between Nyanya and Keffi.
(h) Mary and Joseph could not be able to travel to England because they had no visa.
(i) Mr James is taller than you and me. (j) I am thinking to dispose of my car

(23 marks/1 hour)

4. Discuss the differences between formal and informal writing drawing appropriate examples in terms of usage and tone.

(23 marks/1 hour)