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FIRST OPPORTUNITY EXAMINATION QUESTION PAPER	
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INSTRUCTIONS	
<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Answer ALL the questions.2. Write clearly and neatly.3. Number the answers clearly.	

PERMISSIBLE MATERIALS

1. Examination paper
2. Examination script

THIS QUESTION PAPER CONSISTS OF 3 PAGES (Including this front page)

Question 1

A clause consists of several essential elements. **List** these elements, **define** each one, and construct a sentence for each element, clearly **underlining** the element to illustrate its function. [5 marks for listing, 5 marks for defining and 5 marks for underlining] (15)

Question 2

- (a) Provide a concise definition of syntax and what it deals with. (5)
- (b) Discuss the significance of syntax in the overall study of language. (5)
- (c) Contrast syntax with grammar, and provide specific examples to illustrate the differences. [Contrast 6 marks, 2 marks for each example] (10)

Question 3

Analyze each of the sentences below by drawing a tree diagram and labeling each part according to phrase structure rules.

- (a) His friends discussed the results during lunch. (10)
- (b) The students presented their findings at the conference. (10)

Question 4

The following passage contains multiple comma splices and run-on sentences. Identify and correct five sentence errors by rewriting the passage. For each error, provide an explanation of why the original construction is incorrect and how the correction enhances the structure and clarity of the passage. (10)

Passage:

The rain started pouring heavily, the streets flooded quickly. John ran to his car he forgot his keys inside the house, he cursed under his breath. He had no choice but to run back, the wind was howling fiercely. His shoes were soaked by the time he reached the door, he was shivering from the cold, but he didn't stop, he had a meeting in ten minutes and he was already late.

Question 5

Explain four different types of sentence structures. For each type, provide a sentence that exemplifies that structure. (2.5x4= 10)

Question 6

Write a detailed essay identifying the two types of clauses in English. Distinguish their differences and provide your own sentences to illustrate each type. (25)

END OF QUESTION PAPER