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FIRST OPPORTUNITY EXAMINATION QUESTION PAPER	
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INSTRUCTIONS
1. Answer ALL the questions. 2. Read all the questions carefully before answering. 3. Number the answers clearly

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Question 1

Explain the following concepts, which are parts of connected speech:

- a) Assimilation (5)
- b) Elision (5)
- c) Insertion (5)

Question 2

Identify the following phrases in the sentence below:

- a) Noun phrases: (2)
- b) Verb phrase: (1)
- c) Adjectival phrase: (1)
- d) Prepositional phrase: (1)

The *old wooden house* stood beside *a quiet stream*. It *creaked in the wind*. *Covered in ivy*, the house looked mysterious, especially *in the light of the setting sun*.

Question 3

Analyse the sentences below following the Immediate Constituent Analysis using a tree diagram.

- a) The pastor read the script. (8)
- b) The students wrote the assessments in the hall. (12)

Question 4

Discuss the difference between a clause and a phrase using two examples for each concept. (10)

Question 5

Traditional grammar was found to be insufficient in explaining some grammatical elements. Do you think the contribution of traditional grammar is still relevant in the current study of linguistics? (25)

Question 6

With relevant examples, discuss the contribution of structural grammar to the field of linguistics. (25)

Total Marks (100)

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