



MASENO UNIVERSITY

UNIVERSITY EXAMINATIONS 2011/2012

**FIRST YEAR SECOND SEMESTER EXAMINATIONS FOR
THE DEGREE OF MASTER OF ARTS IN LINGUISTICS
(CITY CAMPUS)**

ALN 803: GENERATIVE PHONOLOGY

Date: 17th April, 2012

Time: 5.30 – 8.30 p.m.

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INSTRUCTIONS: Answer question 1 and any other TWO.

1. Discuss why it may be argued that Trubetzkoy's and Jakobson's feature systems are notational variants of the same theory. (30 marks).
2. Explain how Multi-tiered Phonology is a solution to the problem of features that evade segmental classification. (15 marks).
3. Discuss why Generative Phonology became more theoretically sound than the structuralist approaches to the study of phonology. (15 marks).
4. (a) Discuss the procedures used in the discovery of phonemes. (10 marks).
(b) With examples, explain the principles that come into play in the identification of the underlying form of the phoneme. (5 marks).
5. With illustrations from English, show how a rule-based approach to the study of phonology accounts for alternations in the language. (15 marks).