



MASEÑO UNIVERSITY
UNIVERSITY EXAMINATIONS 2013/2014

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

ALN 806: APPLIED LINGUISTICS

Date: 28th November, 2013

Time: 9.00 – 12noon

INSTRUCTIONS:

- Answer QUESTION ONE and any other TWO questions.

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- 1. There are FIVE questions in this paper**
- 2. Answer question ONE and any other TWO questions**

- Q1. (a) Provide a historical account of Applied Linguistics and with the aid of suitable examples describe its core functions (30 marks)
- Q2. With reference to the Kenyan situation, discuss the strengths and weaknesses of at least SIX second language teaching methods. (15 marks)
- Q3. "Errors are a necessary evil of either language acquisition or second language learning". Assess the validity of this statement using examples from any language (15 marks)
- Q4. Critically examine the strengths and weaknesses of THREE theories of second language learning. (15 marks)
- Q5. Evaluate the relevance and challenges of Language planning in the African context. (15 marks)