



MASENO UNIVERSITY

UNIVERSITY EXAMINATIONS 2011/2012

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

ALN 803: GENERATIVE PHONOLOGY

Date: 16th April, 2012

Time: 9.00 – 12.00 noon

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INSTRUCTIONS: Answer question 1 and any other TWO.

1. Discuss why Goldsmith's (1976) Autosegmental Phonology theory attains a more explanatory adequacy than the distinctive feature theories. (30 marks).
2. Explain the extent to which Natural Generative Phonology differs from Generative Phonology. (15 marks).
3. Show how Chomsky and Halle's (1968) features address the shortcomings of the Trubetzkoyian and Jakobsonian feature systems. (15 marks).
4. Define the concept of the phoneme and explain why phonemic analysis is laden with problems of interpretation and identification. (15 marks).
5. Describe the phonological processes that yield phonetic variability of speech sounds. (15 marks).