



**MASENO UNIVERSITY**  
**UNIVERSITY EXAMINATIONS 2015/2016**

**SECOND YEAR FIRST SEMESTER EXAMINATIONS FOR THE  
DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF ARTS IN GENDER STUDIES WITH  
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY**

**MAIN CAMPUS**

**IGS 203: SOCIAL CONSTRUCTION OF FEMINITIES AND  
MASCULINITIES**

Date: 8<sup>th</sup> January, 2016

Time: 2.30 - 4.30 pm

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INSTRUCTIONS:

- Answer question ONE and any other TWO questions.



1. a) Distinguish the meaning of following terms
    - i. Gender normative and gender congruency
    - ii. Bisexuality and transsexuality
    - iii. Gender identity and sexual identity 6marks
  - b) Using appropriate examples contrast any three characteristics of femininity with masculinity in the contemporary society. 6marks
  - c) Discuss the role of sexual norms in formation of gender identity. 8marks
  - d) Explain the relevance of social learning theory in construction of gender. 10marks
2. Trace the historical evolution of femininity and masculinity. 20marks
  3. The theory of psychoanalysis explains how femininity and masculinity are constructed in a family. Discuss the emergence of the third gender. 20marks
  4. Objectification of women's bodies has turned femininity into a power over masculinity. Discuss with relevant examples 20marks
  5. "Heteronormativity has reduced the social space to dialectically opposing perceptions which attempting to reconcile may be practically impossible". Explain this view in relation to the theory of queer gender. 20marks