



# MASENO UNIVERSITY

## UNIVERSITY EXAMINATIONS 2012/2013

FIRST YEAR FIRST SEMESTER EXAMINATIONS FOR  
THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF EDUCATION (ARTS)  
WITH INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY  
(HOMA BAY CAMPUS)

### **AEN 101: INTRODUCTION TO LANGUAGE**

*Date: 4<sup>th</sup> August, 2013*

*Time: 8.00 – 10.00 a.m.*

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#### INSTRUCTIONS

- ◆ Answer Question ONE and any other TWO questions.

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**(HOMA-BAY TOWN LEARNING CENTRE)**

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Answer Question ONE and any other two questions:

- Q.1. Identify and describe any five features of human language as proposed by Charles Hockett. (30 marks)
- Q.2. Elaborate on the following theories of the origin of language and comment on its strengths and weaknesses:
- i) The evolutionary theory (10 marks)
  - ii) The human invention theory (10 marks)
- Q.3. Compare and contrast the characteristics of written and spoken language. (20 marks)
- Q. 4. Discuss any five factors that determine the distribution of language groups in Kenya. (20 marks)
- Q.5. Explain three criteria that guide language classification and typology. (20 marks)