



# MASENO UNIVERSITY

## UNIVERSITY EXAMINATIONS 2012/2013

SECOND YEAR FIRST SEMESTER EXAMINATIONS FOR  
THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF EDUCATION (ARTS)  
WITH INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY  
(CITY CAMPUS - SB)

### AEN 201: INTRODUCTORY ENGLISH PHONETICS

*Date: 26<sup>th</sup> August, 2013*

*Time: 2.00 – 4.00 p.m.*

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#### INSTRUCTIONS:

- ◆ Answer Question ONE and any other TWO questions.

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**INSTRUCTIONS:** Answer question **one** and any other two questions.

- Q1. a)** Define Phonetics and discuss its **THREE** main components. (8 marks)
- b)** Explain the difference between the terms “spelling” and “phonetic transcription”. Provide illustrations for your answers. (6 marks)
- c)** Briefly describe how the egressive and ingressive pulmonic airstream mechanisms are used in sound production. (6 marks)
- d)** Provide broad phonetic transcriptions of the following expressions:
- It’s very simple.
  - Far too big.
  - Not that match box
- (10 marks)
- Q2.** The concept of connected speech is better explained by the uniqueness of Assimilation, Elision and Linking. Discuss the assertion using English language illustrations. (20 marks)
- Q3. a)** With illustrations, discuss the basic parameters of English vowel sound production. (10 marks)
- b)** How do the place and manner of articulation distinguish consonant sounds that are almost identical? Briefly explain these phenomena with adequate examples. (10 marks)
- Q4.** With examples from the English language, explain the distinction between:
- Consonants/vowels
  - Nasals/orals
  - Tense/lax
  - Front/back
  - Diphthongs/ Monothongs
- (20 marks)

Q5. a) Using Pike (1947) model, discuss onset and rhyme in the following words:

- i. Or
- ii. Bedroom
- iii. Trip
- iv. Ought
- v. Onset

(10 marks)

b) Give two examples each of English words with the following types of consonant clusters:

- i. -CC in word-final position
- ii. -CCCC in word-final position
- iii. -CC- in word-medial position
- iv. -CCC in word-final position
- v. CC- in word-initial position

(10 marks)