



# MASENO UNIVERSITY

## UNIVERSITY EXAMINATIONS 2012/2013

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

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

*Date: 28<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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1. There are **FIVE** questions in this paper
2. Answer question **ONE** and any other **TWO** questions

Q1.(a) Using suitable illustrations, discuss any **FIVE** features of human language. (15 Marks)

(b) Discuss the nature and weaknesses of the following animals' and insects' communication systems.

- (i) Birds (5 marks)
- (ii) The Honey bee (5 marks)
- (iii) Chimpanzecs (5 marks)

Q2. "The origin of language is a contentious issue". Discuss this statement citing the merits and demerits of the following **TWO** theories of the origin of language

- (i) Divine Source Theory (10 marks)
- (ii)Glosso-genetics Theory (10 marks)

Q3. Using examples, distinguish the following concepts

- (a) Ideographs and pictograms. (5 marks)
- (b) Languages and Dialects. (10 marks)
- (c) Isolating languages and inflecting languages (5 marks)

Q4: With the aid of suitable examples from any language, define the following concepts and clearly outline the factors leading to their emergence.

- (i) Pidgins and creoles (10 marks)
- (ii) Genderlects. (10 marks)

Q5: Discuss the socio-historical factors that have contributed to the development of English, Kiswahili and African languages in Kenya. (20 marks)