



# MASENO UNIVERSITY

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SECOND YEAR SECOND SEMESTER EXAMINATIONS  
FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF EDUCATION  
(ARTS) WITH INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY  
(MAIN CAMPUS)

**AEN 204: THE STRUCTURE OF ENGLISH  
SENTENCE I**

*Date: 16<sup>th</sup> July, 2013*

*Time: 2.30 – 4.30 p.m.*

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MAIN CAMPUS (May –August)

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**Instructions: There are five questions in this paper.**

**Answer question ONE and any other TWO questions.**

**Q1. COMPULSORY**

Providing at least TWO examples for each from the English language, define the following: (30 marks)

- (i) Sentence
- (ii) Clause
- (iii) Phrase
- (iv) Constituent
- (v) Complement

Q2.a) Identify the noun phrases and verb phrases in each of the following sentences: (10 marks)

- (i) The lady in the room is eating oranges.
- (ii) Tom visits his grandparents during the holidays.
- (iii) Visiting relatives can be boring.
- (iv) The whole morning was spent at the café.
- (v) The man in a suit is my uncle.

2. b) The following sentences are ambiguous. Clearly restate each of them to bring out the TWO possible interpretations. (10 marks)

- i) Flying planes can be dangerous.
- ii) They saw the rising star.
- iii) Bill met his friend crying.
- iv) The secretary was told to type the letter by the chief.
- v) If the visitors don't like our seats, get them out of here.

Q3. Giving appropriate examples, discuss the following types of mood in the English sentence: (20 marks)

- (i) Imperative
- (ii) Indicative
- (iii) Declarative
- (iv) Interrogative

Q4. Identify the adjuncts in the following sentences and indicate their functions:

- (i) He walks very carefully.
- (ii) I opened the door with the master key.
- (iii) Bill came with Ben.
- (iv) He was born in 1994.
- (v) The players relaxed for a few seconds.
- (vi) She was crying in the kitchen.
- (vii) He quit drinking to impress his wife.
- (viii) They sold everything because they were broke.
- (ix) I loved it very much.
- (x) From a semantic point of view, it is meaningless. (20 marks)

Q5. Discuss the concept of complementation in English syntax (20 marks).