



MASENO UNIVERSITY
UNIVERSITY EXAMINATIONS 2016/2017

**FIRST YEAR FIRST SEMESTER EXAMINATION FOR DEGREE
OF BACHELOR OF EDUCATION ARTS WITH INFORMATION
TECHNOLOGY**

MAIN CAMPUS

AEN 101: INTRODUCTION TO LANGUAGE

Date: 5th December, 2016

Time: 12.00 - 3.00pm

INSTRUCTIONS:

- Answer Question ONE and any other TWO.



1 a) With adequate illustrations, explain any FIVE distinctive properties of human language. (20 marks)

b) Distinguish between human and animal communication systems (10 marks)

2. Using illustrations describe the development of writing systems from earliest pictorial forms to the alphabet. (20 marks)

3. a) Discuss the physiological adaptations of human beings to produce and understand speech.(10 marks)

b) Explain FIVE differences between speech and writing. (10 marks)

4. a) Identify and explain any FOUR theories of the origin of language.

(12 marks)

b) Discuss the strength and weakness of each of the theories identified above.

(8 marks)

Q5. Distinguish between the following concepts:

i) Official language and national language (5 marks)

ii) Isolating and agglutinating languages (5 marks)

iii) Language and dialect (5 marks)

iv) Speech and writing (5 marks)