



**MASENO UNIVERSITY**  
**UNIVERSITY EXAMINATIONS 2015/2016**

FIRST YEAR SECOND SEMESTER EXAMINATION FOR THE  
DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF EDUCATION, BACHELOR OF ARTS  
WITH INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

CITY CAMPUS – SCHOOL BASED

**AEN 102: INTRODUCTION TO LINGUISTICS**

Date: 20<sup>th</sup> December, 2016

Time: 3.00 - 6.00pm

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INSTRUCTIONS:

- Answer Question ONE and any other TWO

1. With relevant examples, explain what is the following branches of linguistics entail:
  - a. Neuro-linguistics
  - b. Historical linguistics
  - c. Socio-linguistics
  - d. Applied linguistics (30 mks)
  
2. a) Make a clear distinction between Chomsky's notion of linguistic competence and linguistic performance. (10 mks)  
b) With illustrations, explain what generative grammar entails. (10 mks)
  
3. Using clear illustrations show how consonant articulation differs from vowel production. (20 mks)
  
4. Explain how second language acquisition supports Chomsky's claim that language acquisition in children is dependent on LAD. (20 mks)
  
5. a) Explain the difference between accent and dialect. (10 mks)  
b) Transcribe the following words phonetically:  
i) joke ii) hope iii) English iv) climb v) tomb vi) charge vii) judge  
viii) sing ix) ago x) Britain (10 mks)