



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

**HOMABAY CAMPUS – REGULAR**

**AEN 103: A HISTORY OF ENGLISH LANGUAGE**

Date: 3<sup>rd</sup> December, 2016

Time: 2.00 - 5.00pm

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**INSTRUCTIONS:**

- Answer Question ONE and any other TWO.



**Q1. a)** With the aid of examples, discuss the effects of the following factors on the growth of English language

(i) Renaissance (10 marks)

(ii) The period of regularization (10 marks)

b) Using FIVE examples from the English, account for the irregular spelling existing in the English language (10 marks)

**Q2. a)** Explain the following terms frequently used to describe the role of English as a world language: Inner circle, Outer circle and Expanding circle (12 marks)

b) Discuss the impact of semantic change during the period between the Middle English and the Modern English (8 marks)

**Q3.** Explain, with illustrations, how the following factors and person impacted on the growth of English language:

i. The Viking Invasion (5 marks)

ii. The Norman Conquest (6 marks)

iii. Richard Mulcaster (4 marks)

iv. The Latin Influence (5 marks)

**Q4. a)** Discuss the socio-historical factors surrounding the emergence of pidgins and creoles. (10 marks)

b) Drawing examples from syntax, morphology and phonology, explain how indigenous Kenyan languages have affected the usage of English language.

(10 marks)

**Q5. a)** 'Kenyan English deviates from Standard English'. Provide comprehensive examples to support this assertion. (10 marks)

b) Briefly compare and contrast American English and British English.

(10 marks)