



MASENO UNIVERSITY
UNIVERSITY EXAMINATIONS 2016/2017

**FIRST YEAR FIRST SEMESTER EXAMINATION FOR DEGREE
OF BACHELOR OF ARTS IN LANGUAGE AND
COMMUNICATION WITH INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY**

MAIN CAMPUS

AEN 109: PHYLOSOPHY OF LANGUAGE

Date: 7th December, 2016

Time: 12.00 - 3.00pm

INSTRUCTIONS:

- Question ONE and any other TWO.



- Q.1. a) Review the major tenets of the Speech Act theory as formulated by Austin and Searle (1975) (20 marks)
- b) Describe the process of reasoning with examples (10 marks)
- Q.2. Explain the relationship between sense and reference in the philosophy of language (20 marks)
- Q.3. Describe the nature and function of human language according to the philosophers John Locke (1930) and Gottlob Frege (1981) (20 marks)
- Q.4. Explain the process of definite descriptions and denoting in language. (20 marks)
- Q.5. Discuss three types of meaning in human interaction (20 marks)