



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

**THIRDYEAR SECOND SEMESTER EXAMINATION FOR THE  
DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF EDUCATION, BACHELOR OF  
ARTS WITH INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY**

**CITY CAMPUS – SCHOOL BASED**

**AEN 315: TRENDS IN CONTEMPORARY ENGLISH  
LANGUAGE**

Date: 19<sup>th</sup> December, 2016

Time: 11.00 - 2.00pm

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**INSTRUCTIONS:**

- Answer Question ONE and any other TWO



1. With appropriate illustrations from English language, discuss the relevance of the assertion that Standardization's chief characteristic is the intolerance of optional variability in language. (30 marks)
2. Argue for and against the use of English as a medium of instruction in Kenyan schools. (20 marks)
3. Explain any FOUR factors that account for the emergence of local forms of English. (20 marks)
4. With appropriate illustrations, distinguish between correctness and appropriateness in relation to the English language. (20 marks)
5. a) Identify and explain the characteristics of Pidgins.  
b) Discuss any TWO theories of Pidginization, citing their strengths and weaknesses. (20 marks)