



**MASENO UNIVERSITY**  
**UNIVERSITY EXAMINATIONS 2016/2017**

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

**MAIN CAMPUS**

**AEN 402: FUNCTIONAL GRAMMAR**

Date: 9<sup>th</sup> December, 2016

Time: 3.30 - 6.30pm

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**INSTRUCTIONS:**

- Question ONE and any other TWO.



Q.1. i) Discuss the following tenets of Systemic Functional Theory as propounded by M.A.K Halliday (1985):

a) Ideational function (10 marks)

b) Interpersonal function (10 marks)

ii) Explain the following concepts as used in functional grammar according to H. Frei (1989):

a) Expressivity (2.5 marks)

b) Invariability (2.5 marks)

c) Assimilation (2.5 marks)

d) Differentiation (2.5 marks)

Q.2. Illustrate the following processes in functional grammar:

a) Semantic function assignment (7 marks)

b) Pragmatic function assignment (7 marks)

c) Syntactic function assignment (6 marks)

Q.3. Discuss the contention that communication forms the core of all proposals by functional grammarians (20 marks)

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- Q.4. With adequate examples, illustrate the concept functional sentence perspective. (20 marks)
- Q.5. Evaluate the major concerns of the following approaches to grammar:
- (i) Relational Grammar (10 marks)
  - (ii) Case grammar (10 marks)