



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

**FOURTH YEAR FIRST SEMESTER EXAMINATION FOR DEGREE  
OF BACHELOR OF EDUCATION ART, BACHELOR OF  
EDUCATION WITH INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY**

**MAIN CAMPUS**

**AEN 404: ADVANCES IN THE DESCRIPTION OF  
ENGLISH SYNTAX**

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

Time: 3.30 - 6.30pm

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**INSTRUCTIONS:**

- Answer Question ONE (Compulsory) and any other TWO.



1. (a) State principles A, B and C of the Binding Theory. ( 6marks)  
(b) Discuss the syntax of the three types of Determiner Phrases they are designed to account for. (24 marks)
  
2. Discuss the weaknesses of Immediate Constituent Analysis as an approach to the study of English syntax. (20 marks).
  
2. With illustrations, explain how X-bar theory differs from Phrase Structure Grammar as a model of syntactic description. (20 marks)
  
3. Using well-labelled syntactic trees, discuss the syntax of wh- movement, indicating its movement as well as its position at Deep and Surface structure. (20 marks)
  
4. Provide evidence to show that the Tense node is base-generated in preverbal position. (20 marks)