



MASENO UNIVERSITY
UNIVERSITY EXAMINATIONS 2016/2017

**FIRST YEAR FIRST SEMESTER EXAMINATIONS FOR THE
DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF ARTS AND BACHELOR OF
EDUCATION WITH INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY**

MAIN CAMPUS

AEN 103: A HISTORY OF ENGLISH LANGUAGE

Date: 2nd December, 2016

Time: 3.30 - 6.30 pm

INSTRUCTIONS:

- Answer question ONE and any other TWO questions.



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(MAIN CAMPUS-REGULAR PROGRAMME)

Instructions: Answer Question **ONE** and any other **TWO** questions

Q1 (a) Using at least **TWO** examples from phonology, syntax, morphology and semantics, discuss the features of Kenyan English. (12 marks)

(b) Describe the socio-historical factors that shaped English during the middle English period and state any **FIVE** features of Middle English grammar. (18marks)

Q2. "Old English mirrors diversity in its linguistic heritage" Baugh (1951). Assess the validity of this statement. (20 marks)

Q3. Discuss the Early Modern English grammar under the following topics

- (i) Period of Regularization (10 marks)
- (ii) The Early English grammar (5 marks)
- (iii) The Socio-pragmatic functions of **YOU** and **THOU** (5 marks)

Q4. With reference to English language, explain the **THREE** concentric circles developed by Krachu Braj (1990) (10 marks)

(b) Outline any **FIVE** roles of English as an international language. (10 marks)

Q5. Using **FIVE** examples from English, account for **THREE** causes for the irregular spelling existing in the English language. (20 marks)