



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

MAIN CAMPUS

AEN 315: TRENDS IN CONTEMPORARY ENGLISH

Date: 9th December, 2016

Time: 12.00 - 3.00pm

INSTRUCTIONS:

- Question ONE and any other TWO.



1) With examples, discuss the following major influences on the English language since 1900:

- i. Imperialism and expansionism
- ii. Globalization
- iii. Journalism
- iv. Formal education
- v. The computer Age

(30 marks)

2) "The dynamic nature of language makes it subject to continuous change" Aitchison (1991). Explain this statement with adequate illustrations from the English language. (20 marks)

3) The rise of new varieties of English occasioned the emergence of African forms of English. Discuss FOUR factors that enabled such an emergence. (20 marks)

4) Okombo (1987) states that there exists a Kenyan variety of English distinct from Standard British English. Evaluate this statement under the following linguistics properties:

- i. The sound system
- ii. Lexical properties
- iii. Syntactical properties

(20 marks)

5) Explain how the structure of indigenous languages is responsible for the falling standards of English in Kenya. (20 marks)