



**MASENO UNIVERSITY**  
**UNIVERSITY EXAMINATIONS 2013/2014**

**FIRST YEAR SECOND SEMESTER EXAMINATIONS FOR THE  
DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF ARTS & BACHELOR OF EDUCATION  
WITH INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY  
(MAIN CAMPUS)**

**AEN 103: A HISTORY OF ENGLISH LANGUAGE**

*Date: 24<sup>th</sup> July 2014*

*Time: 8.30 - 10.30 am*

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- There are FIVE questions in this paper.
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1. (a) Linguistic imperialism is synonymous to the status of English as an international language. Assess the validity of this statement (12 marks)  
(b) Discuss any **THREE** linguistics invasions during the Old English period and **THREE** features of Old English (18 marks)
2. With the aid of illustrations, explain how the following factors have contributed to the growth of English language
  - (a) The Norman Conquest (10 marks)
  - (b) The period of regularization (10 marks)
3. (a) Outline the socio-pragmatic use of **YOU** and **THOU** during the Middle English period. (8 marks)  
(b) Using suitable examples, discuss the roles of Renaissance, the Bible and Shakespearian works in the development of English. (12 marks)
4. With the aid of illustrations, describe **FOUR** types of semantic change in the English language (20 marks)
5. (a) Drawing examples from Phonology, Syntax and Morphology discuss **SIX** features of Kenyan English. (10 marks)  
(b) Outline the differences between American English and British English (10 marks)