



MASENO UNIVERSITY
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**SECOND YEAR FIRST SEMESTER EXAMINATIONS FOR THE
DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF EDUCATION (ARTS) WITH
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY**

(CITY CAMPUS - SCHOOL BASED)

AEN 203: ENGLISH WORD AND MORPHOLOGY

Date: 26th August 2014

Time: 2.00 - 4.00 p.m.

INSTRUCTIONS:

- Answer question ONE and any other TWO questions.



BASED PROGRAMME)

1. Study the following data and answer questions (a), (b) and (c).

ntakunara	'I ate'
totakunara	'we ate'
batakunara	'They ate'
nterara	'I sang'
toterara	'we sang'
baterara	'They sang'
ntakunata	'I will eat'
totakunata	'We will eat'
batakunata	'They will eat'
mbamanyara	'I knew them'
mbarotata	'I will see them'

- (a) Identify the morphemes and their meanings. (10 marks)
(b) Identify the allomorphs. (5 marks)
(c) Account for the allomorphy. (10 marks)
(d) With illustrations make a clear distinction between the notions of 'root' and 'stem'. (5 marks)
2. (a) With examples from English, draw a distinction between derivation and inflection. (15marks)
b) Explain why this distinction is elusive in morphological theory. (5marks)
3. Show how the morphology of the English verb differs from that of the noun. (15 marks)
4. Discuss why the criteria for defining the word are inconclusive. (20 marks)
5. With illustration from English word classes, explain why syntactic distribution is more crucial than morphology in determining the notion of 'word class'. (20 marks)