



MASEÑO UNIVERSITY
UNIVERSITY EXAMINATIONS 2013/2014

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

(HOMA BAY - SCHOOL BASED)

AEN 315: TRENDS IN CONTEMPORARY ENGLISH

Date: 12th December, 2013

Time: 2.00 - 4.00pm

INSTRUCTIONS:

- Answer QUESTION ONE and any other TWO questions.

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- 1) With examples, discuss the major influences on the English language since 1900. [30 marks]
- 2) 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]
- 3) Communicative competence was developed to account for the kinds of knowledge people need in order to use language in meaningful interaction. Ascertain this statement by discussing the key components of communication. [20 marks]
- 4) Discuss the various arguments for and against the English spelling reform. [20 marks]
- 5) Outline and illustrate factors that make slang a "peculiar kind of vagabond language always hanging on the outskirts of legitimate speech but continually forcing or straying into the most respectable company" (Greenough and Kittredge, 1901). [20 marks]