



MASENO UNIVERSITY
UNIVERSITY EXAMINATIONS 2013/2014

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

AEN 402: FUNCTIONAL GRAMMAR

Date: 28th November, 2013

Time: 2.30 - 4.30 p.m.

INSTRUCTIONS:

- Answer **THREE** questions
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Q.1. (a) With adequate illustrations, discuss the major tenets of M.A.K. Halliday's Systemic Functional Theory. (20 marks)

(b) Discuss the major similarities noted in the work of all functional grammarians. (10 marks)

Q.2. "Utterance meaning is largely dependent on context" (Norena 2009) Discuss. (20 marks)

Q.3. a) Explain the functional concept 'affectedness' (5 marks)

b) Using tests of affectedness, explain the functional relevance of the following utterances:

(i) The wood splits.

(ii) He tricked her in a day.

(iii) He found her a house.

(iv) The book's publication by Tom was praised.

(v) She gave him an orange. (15 marks)

Q.4. Using five examples for each, illustrate the constraints that determine the assignment of the following:

(a) semantic functions (10 marks)

(b) pragmatic functions (10 marks)

Q.5. Explain how relational grammar and case grammar complement our understanding of functional grammar. (20 marks)