



MASENO UNIVERSITY
UNIVERSITY EXAMINATIONS 2013/2014

**FOURTH YEAR SECOND SEMESTER EXAMINATIONS FOR
THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF EDUCATION (ARTS)
WITH INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
(HOMA BAY CAMPUS - SCHOOL BASED)**

AEN 413: DISCOURSE ANALYSIS

Date: 7th September, 2014

Time: 8.00 - 10.00 a.m.

INSTRUCTIONS:

- Answer Question ONE and any other TWO questions.



AEN 413: DISCOURSE ANALYSIS

INSTRUCTIONS: Answer question **one** and any other two questions.

Q1. a) Employ Grice's (1962) Conversational Maxims in the following dialogues.

- i) JOHN: How is the going?
MARY: Have you seen Tom anywhere?
- ii) JAMES: I need to refuel my car.
JANE: There is a Petrol Station around the corner.
- iii) PAUL: I met the president of Kenya.
TOM: When did you meet him?
PAUL: I am talking to him right now. (10 marks)

b) Explain Brown and Yule's (1999) perceptions on the concerns of Discourse Analysis. (12 marks)

c) Briefly discuss the Transactional and Interactional views of discourse. (8 marks)

Q2. With appropriate illustrations, demonstrate your understanding of the following Discourse Analysis concepts:

- i. Presupposition
- ii. Inference
- iii. Texture
- iv. Illocutionary Speech Act
- v. Felicity Conditions (20 marks)

Q3. Demonstrate with ample illustrations the applicability of Schiffrin's (1987) Assumptions of Discourse Analysis. (20 marks)

Q4. . Explain, with illustrations, how the following features of conversation manifest in written or spoken modes:

- i. Turn Taking and Turn Allocation
- ii. Adjacency Pairs
- iii. Insertion Sequences
- iv. Overlap in Speeches

(20 marks)

Q5. Define the term conflict and explain the FIVE main formats of conflict resolution as observed by Vuchinich (1990)

(20 marks)