



MASEKO UNIVERSITY
UNIVERSITY EXAMINATIONS 2013/2014

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

(HOMA BAY CAMPUS- WEEKEND)

AEN 103: A HISTORY OF ENGLISH LANGUAGE

Date: 30th March, 2014

Time: 11.00am - 1.00pm

INSTRUCTIONS:

- Answer QUESTION ONE and any other TWO questions.

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Q1. a) English is now one of the most widely spoken languages in the world. Explain the following three terms that are frequently used to describe the role of English as a world language.

- i. Inner circle
- ii. Outer circle
- iii. Expanding circle (12 marks)

b) Discuss the impact of semantic change during the period between the Middle English and the Modern English. (9 marks)

c) Using a tree diagram, locate the place of English as a West Germanic language. (9 marks)

Q2. Describe, at least **FOUR** major factors, which influenced English language and served to separate Middle and Modern English. (20 marks)

Q3. Explain, with illustrations, how the following factors and person impacted on the growth of English language:

- i. The Viking Invasion (5 marks)
- ii. The Norman Conquest (6 marks)
- iii. Richard Mulcaster (4 marks)
- iv. The Latin Influence (5 marks)

Q4. a) Discuss the socio-historical factors surrounding the emergence of pidgins and creoles. (10 marks)

b) Clearly explain the metamorphosis that **YOU**, **YE**, **THEE** and **THOU** have undergone from Old English to Early Modern periods. (10 marks)

Q5. a) 'Kenyan English deviates from Standard English'. Provide comprehensive examples to support this assertion. (10 marks)

b) Briefly compare and contrast American English and British English. (10 marks)