



MASENO UNIVERSITY
UNIVERSITY EXAMINATIONS 2013/2014

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

(HOMA BAY CAMPUS)

AEN 101: INTRODUCTION TO LANGUAGE

Date: 24th November, 2013

Time: 11.00 a.m. - 1.00 p.m.

INSTRUCTIONS:

- **Answer Question ONE (COMPULSORY) and any other TWO questions.**

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HOMABAY LEARNING CENTER – REGULAR PROGRAMME

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Instructions: Answer question ONE and any other TWO questions

1. By providing appropriate examples, explain six basic features in your language that are common to all other languages in the world.
(30 marks)

2. Describe the following theories that explain the origin of language.
(20 marks)
 - i) The Devine Origin Theory
 - ii) Natural sound-source Theory
 - iii) TA – TA Theory
 - iv) Pooh – Pooh Theory

3. Speech and writing are distinct in their characteristics. Explain (20 marks)

4. Discuss the following systems of writing:
 - i. Pictograms
 - ii. Ideograms
 - iii. Syllabic writing
 - iv. Alphabetic writing (20 marks)

5. a) With examples, differentiate between a language and a dialect.
(5 marks)

- b) Describe any **Five** functions of language. (15 marks)