



MASENO UNIVERSITY
UNIVERSITY EXAMINATIONS 2013/2014

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

AEN 102: INTRODUCTION TO LINGUISTICS

Date: 27th November, 2013

Time: 8.30 - 10.30 a.m.

INSTRUCTIONS:

- **Answer Question ONE and any other TWO questions.**

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Q1. COMPULSORY

Clearly describe the following branches of linguistics:

- i) Sociolinguistics (6 marks)
- ii) Neuro-linguistics (6 marks)
- iii) Psycholinguistics (6 marks)
- iv) Applied linguistics (6 marks)
- v) Theoretical linguistics. (6 marks)

Q2. a) What is morphology? (5 marks)

b) Identify the morphemes in the following underlined words:

irregularity happiness. (5 marks)

c) Discuss the word formation processes that give rise to the words in **b.** above.
(10 marks)

Q3. Define the following terminology and give at least TWO examples of each:

- i) Dialect (5 marks)
- ii) Lingua franca (5 marks)
- iii) Creole (5 marks)
- iv) Pidgin (5 marks)

Q4. Describe the process of language acquisition in children. (20 marks)

Q5. Discuss the following terms to show your understanding of how they are used in linguistics:

- i) Grammar (5 marks)
- ii) Syntax (5 marks)
- iii) Semantics (5 marks)
- iv) Pragmatics (5 marks)