



MASENO UNIVERSITY
UNIVERSITY EXAMINATIONS 2013/2014

**SECOND YEAR FIRST SEMESTER EXAMINATIONS FOR THE
DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF ARTS & BACHELOR OF
EDUCATION WITH INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY**

(HOMA BAY CAMPUS - REGULAR)

AEN 205: THE ENGLISH GROUP

Date: 30th March, 2014

Time 2.00 – 4.00 p.m.

INSTRUCTIONS:

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



1. The English verb conjugation is based on five modifications. Use clear illustrations to explain each modification. (30 mks)
2. a. Use illustrations to discuss any 4 features of Adjectives (10mks)
b. Identify head adjectives in the following sentences
 - i. The extremely tired cat is losing patience with her overly enthusiastic kitten.
 - ii. My boss was fairly pleased with the service.
 - iii. Her baking always smells very tempting.
 - iv. The consequences of disagreeing were far too serious.
 - v. The duck covered in mud looked pleased with herself (5mks)
c. Use the sentences above to illustrate the distinction between predicative and attributive adjectives(5mks)

Q3. Adverbs are the most mobile element in a sentence. Identify the misplaced modifier and explain why you think it is misplaced.

- i. After our conversation lessons, we could understand the Kiswahili spoken by our visitors from Zanzibar easily.
- ii. John has nearly annoyed every professor he has had.
- iii. By accident, he poked the little girl with his finger in the eye.
- iv. After the wedding, Komen told us at his stag party that he would start behaving like a responsible adult.
- v. The marketing team voted to, before they launched the new software, run an anticipatory ad campaign.
- vi. Raised in Mombasa, it is natural to miss the smell of the sea.
- vii. Although nearly finished, we left the play early because we were worried about our sick cat.

Q4. A. Identify and determine the elements of the Noun Group in the sentence below

All the past corrupt presidents who are still alive will be prosecuted

- b. Use illustrations to explain any four functions of the noun phrase

Q5. i. Use an illustration to explain the structure of a prepositional phrase (8)

- ii. Explain any two functions of prepositions in a sentence (6mks)
- iii. Clearly distinguish a prepositions from particles (6mks)