



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 - SCHOOL BASED)**

AEN 101: INTRODUCTION TO LANGUAGE

Date: 13th December, 2013

Time: 8.00 - 10.00 a.m.

INSTRUCTIONS:

- Answer Question ONE and any other TWO questions.

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- Q.1. (a) Discuss the four major features that define human language. (20 marks)
- (b) Explain why animal communication systems are not regarded as language (10 marks)
- Q.2. Explain the relevance of the following design features of language as proposed by Charles Hockett:
- (i) Duality of patterning (4 marks)
 - (ii) Productivity (4 marks)
 - (iii) Traditional transmission (4 marks)
 - (iv) Displacement (4 marks)
 - (v) Specialisation (4 marks)
- Q.3. Compare and contrast the main features of writing and speaking as media of human communication. (20 marks)
- Q.4. Identify one theory of the origin of language and review its major propositions noting its strengths and weaknesses. (20 marks)
- Q.5. Discuss the role and status of English in Kenya since independence. (20 marks)