



MASENO UNIVERSITY
UNIVERSITY EXAMINATIONS 2014/2015

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

(CITY CAMPUS – SCHOOL BASED)

AEN 103: A HISTORY OF ENGLISH LANGUAGE

Date: 27th February, 2014

Time: 2.00- 4.00 p.m.

INSTRUCTIONS:

- **Answer Question ONE and any other TWO (2) questions.**

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Instructions: Answer Question ONE and any other two questions

Q1 (a) With the aid of examples, outline THREE grammatical features of Old English (10 marks)

(b) Using suitable illustrations, discuss the role of the following linguistic invasions in the development of Old English

- (i) Celts (5 marks)
- (ii) Romans (5 marks)
- (iii) Anglo-Saxons (5 marks)
- (iv) The Danish Invasion (5 marks)

Q2. Explain the impact of the Norman Conquest on the Development of the English language (20 marks)

Q3. With the aid of examples, discuss the effects of the following factors on the growth of English language

- (i) Renaissance (10 marks)
- (ii) The period of regularization (10 marks)

Q4. (a) Drawing examples from syntax, morphology and phonology, explain how indigenous Kenyan languages have affected the usage of English language. (10 marks)

(b) Using illustrations, distinguish between Australian English and New Zealand English (10 marks)

Q5. (a) Distinguish between pidgins and creoles (5 marks)

(b) Using FIVE examples from the English, account for the irregular spelling existing in the English language (15 marks)