



**MASENO UNIVERSITY**  
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**THIRD YEAR SECOND SEMESTER EXAMINATION FOR THE DEGREE  
OF BACHELOR OF EDUCATION ARTS WITH INFORMATION  
TECHNOLOGY**

**MAIN CAMPUS**

**AEN 304: FUNCTIONAL VARIETIES IN ENGLISH**

Date: 3<sup>rd</sup> May, 2016

Time: 2.30 - 4.30pm

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**INSTRUCTIONS:**

- Answer Question ONE and any other TWO Questions.



Q1 .a) Discuss five Factors that determine language variation (20 marks)

b) Distinguish between the terms register and style (10 marks)

Q2. Discuss the characteristics of the language of newspapers under the following broad topics:

a) Punctuation (5marks)

b) paragraphing (5 marks)

c) diction (5 marks)

d) sentence structure (5 marks)

Q3. With adequate examples, explain how the following would affect an individual's speech:

a) Social class

b) Linguistic context

c) Education

d) Social distance

e) Age

(20 marks)

Q4. "Different genders use dissimilar style in discourse." Discuss this statement using suitable examples.

(20 marks)

Q5. Discuss the following styles in relation to texts:

a) Formal style (4marks)

b) Intimate style (4marks)

c) Casual style (4 marks)

d) Colloquialism (4 marks)

e) Legalese (4 marks)