



MASENO UNIVERSITY
UNIVERSITY EXAMINATIONS 2015/2016

**FOURTH YEAR FIRST SEMESTER EXAMINATION FOR THE DEGREE
OF BACHELOR OF EDUCATION ARTS WITH INFORMATION
TECHNOLOGY**

MAIN CAMPUS

AEN 405: SOCIOLINGUISTICS

Date: 7th January, 2016

Time: 2.30 - 4.30pm

INSTRUCTIONS:

- Answer Question ONE and any other TWO questions.



1. Explain any FIVE factors that influence variation in linguistic forms in society. (30 mks)
2. With illustrations, distinguish between code-switching, code-mixing and borrowing. (20 mks)
3. Discuss the concept of diglossia in its classical as well as modern sense. (20 mks)
4. With relevant examples, explain how a pidgin differs from a 'natural' language. (20 mks)
5. Discuss the similarities and differences between sociolinguistics and other related disciplines. (20 mks)