MASENO UNIVERSITY

UNIVERSITY EXAMINATIONS 2013/2014

FIRST YEAR FIRST SEMESTER EXAMINATIONS FOR THE DEGREE OF MASTER OF EDUCATION

(MAIN CAMPUS)

EPE 808: RESEARCH IN ENGLISH LANGUAGE AND LITERATURE EDUCATION

Date: 9th April, 2014   **Time**: 2.00 – 5.00pm

INSTRUCTIONS:

- Answer ANY FOUR questions.
- Each question carries 15 marks.

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1. a) What is a Virtual Learning Environment?

   b) Explain the features of Virtual Learning Environments as a context for research in English Language and Literature Education.

   [TOTAL MARKS 15]

2. Discuss the benefits and limitations of using the Internet as a medium for research in English Language and Literature education.

   [TOTAL MARKS 15]

3. a) Using examples, distinguish between 'information literacy' and 'computer literacy.' (3 marks)

   b) Explain, with examples, any 6 information literacy skills required by a researcher in English Language and Literature Education. (12 marks)

   [TOTAL MARKS 15]

4. Discuss the challenges in researching English as a second language in Kenyan classrooms.

   [TOTAL MARKS 15]

5. a) What is a corpus? (3 marks)

   b) What are the benefits of using corpora in language education research? (12 marks)

   [TOTAL MARKS 15]

6. Discuss the potential advantages and limitations of the online questionnaire as a research tool

   [TOTAL MARKS 15]