



MASENO UNIVERSITY

UNIVERSITY EXAMINATIONS 2012/2013

THIRD YEAR SECOND SEMESTER EXAMINATION FOR
THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF EDUCATION (ARTS)
WITH INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
(CITY CAMPUS - EVENING)

AEN 315: TRENDS IN CONTEMPORARY ENGLISH

Date: 17th July, 2013

Time: 9.00 – 11.00 a.m.

INSTRUCTIONS

- ◆ Answer Question ONE and any other TWO questions.

AEN 315: TRENDS IN CONTEMPORARY ENGLISH
(KISUMU CITY CAMPUS-EVENING)

INSTRUCTIONS:

Answer Question ONE and any other two questions:

- Q.1. Discuss how the following factors have influenced the growth and development of the English language since the beginning of the 19th Century:
- a) Science and technology (10 marks)
 - b) Journalism and the mass media (10 marks)
 - c) Globalization (10 marks)
- Q.2. Illustrate the irregular features that make the learning of the English spelling system difficult. (20 marks)
- Q.3. Identify one Local Form of English (LFE) and describe its peculiar features (20 marks)
- Q.4. Discuss any two causes of language change with adequate illustrations from the English language. (20 marks)
- Q.5. Describe the key tenets of the following theories of pidginization and creolization using examples from English-based pidgins and creoles:
- i) The nautical jargon theory (7 marks)
 - ii) The baby-talk theory (7 marks)
 - iii) Independent parallel theory (6 marks)