



MASENO UNIVERSITY
UNIVERSITY EXAMINATIONS 2013/2014

**FIRST YEAR FIRST SEMESTER EXAMINATIONS FOR THE DEGREE
OF BACHELOR OF EDUCATION (ARTS) WITH INFORMATION
TECHNOLOGY**

(SIAYA LEARNING CENTRE)

AEN 102: INTRODUCTION TO LINGUISTICS

Date: 17th December, 2013

Time: 2.00 – 4.00 p.m.

INSTRUCTIONS:

- **Answer Question ONE and any other TWO questions.**

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1. There are **FIVE** questions in this paper
2. Answer question **ONE** and any other **TWO** questions

Q1.(a) "Linguistics is the scientific study of Language". Assess the validity of this statement.
(15 marks)

(b) Outline the differences between the following branches of Linguistics

(i) Phonology and Morphology (5 marks)

(ii) Psycholinguistics and Neurolinguistics (5 marks)

(iii) Semantics and Pragmatics (5 marks)

Q2. Discuss the major line of arguments advanced by Ferdinand de Saussure and Noam Chomsky in Modern Linguistics (20 marks)

Q3. Using suitable examples, define the following concepts

(i) Register (4 marks)

(ii) Code-Switching (4 marks)

(iii) Euphemisms (4 marks)

(iv) Speech Community (4 marks)

(v) Jargon (4 marks)

Q4. With the aid of illustrations, explain the meaning of the concepts below

(i) Clipping (5 marks)

(ii) Bound morphemes (5 marks)

(iii) Prefixes (5 marks)

(iv) Free morphemes (5 marks)

Q5. (i) Discuss the roles of any FIVE organs in speech production (10 marks)

(ii) Provide features of any TWO airstream mechanisms (10 marks)