



MASENO UNIVERSITY
UNIVERSITY EXAMINATIONS 2013/2014

**THIRD YEAR SECOND SEMESTER EXAMINATIONS FOR THE
DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF ARTS & EDUCATION ARTS WITH
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY**

(MAIN CAMPUS)

AEN 311: SEMANTICS AND PRAGMATICS

Date: 22nd July 2014

Time: 11.00 – 1.00 pm

INSTRUCTIONS:

- Answer question ONE and any other TWO questions.



INSTRUCTIONS: ANSWER QUESTION 1 AND ANY OTHER TWO QUESTIONS

1. Discuss why the 'boundary dispute' between pragmatics and semantics remains controversial in linguistic theory (30 marks)
2. Discuss any three deictic elements whose interpretation is context-dependent (20 marks)
3. Explain how Grice's (1975) maxims of conversational cooperation govern effective interpersonal communication (20 marks)
4. With examples, explain the following types of lexical relations
 - (a) Homonymy (5 marks)
 - (b) Polysemy (5 marks)
 - (c) Hyponymy (5 marks)
 - (d) Meronymy (5 marks)
5. (a) Identify and comment on any THREE challenges of studying semantics (10 marks)
(b) Explain the tenets of any TWO theories of meaning (10 marks)