



**MASENO UNIVERSITY**  
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**SECOND YEAR FIRST SEMESTER EXAMINATIONS FOR THE  
DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF EDUCATION ARTS WITH  
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY**

**(HOMA-BAY CAMPUS)**

**AEN 203: THE ENGLISH WORD AND MORPHOLOGY**

*Date: 26<sup>th</sup> July 2014*

*Time: 8.00 –10.00 am*

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**INSTRUCTIONS:**

- Answer question ONE and any other TWO questions.



- Q1. a) Discuss five approaches to defining the concept 'word' noting the strengths and weaknesses of each (25 marks).
- b) By providing relevant examples, explain the meaning of open and closed system of word classes (5 marks).
- Q2. Define and describe the following word formation processes using appropriate examples
- Derivation
  - Reduplication (20 marks)
- Q3. By providing relevant examples from English, explain:
- Free and bound morphemes
  - Inflectional and derivational morphemes
  - Allomorphs and morphs (20 marks)
- Q4. With illustrations, explain the following lexical relations;
- Synonymy (6 marks)
  - Antonymy (10 marks)
  - Hyponymy (4 marks)
- Q5. Study the words below then answer the questions that follow  
Neighborhood, bilingual, preview, kindness, cats
- Isolate the morphemes in each word (7 marks)
  - Classify the above morphemes into prefixes, suffixes and roots (7 marks)
  - Explain the meaning of prefix, suffix and root (6 marks)