



**MASENO UNIVERSITY**  
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SECOND YEAR SECOND SEMESTER EXAMINATIONS FOR THE  
DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF EDUCATION (ARTS) AND  
BACHELOR OF ARTS WITH INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY  
(MAIN CAMPUS)

**AEN 205: THE ENGLISH GROUP**

Date: 7<sup>th</sup> April, 2014

Time: 8.30 – 10.45 a.m.

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**INSTRUCTIONS:**

- Answer Question ONE and any other TWO questions.

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**INSTRUCTIONS:**

- (i) Answer question 1 and any other question
- (ii) Marks are as allocated after each question

1. Fill in the blank spaces with appropriate phrases/words and give a justification for your choice in terms of tense, mood and aspect.
  - a. The child-----the ice cream cone is making a mess of his new shirt!
  - b. Immediately after-----a large ice cream cone, the child started running around the room.
  - c. -----Harper is my sister, sometimes we can fight, laugh, and cry all in the same day.
  - d. -----I was a little girl, I was very afraid of the dark.
  - e. -----I've been to his house several times, I still can't remember how to get there.
  - f. If I-----you, I would review old handouts from class for tomorrow's midterm.
  - g. When it-----, I wear my galoshes.
  - h. If I-----a million dollars, I -----a million dresses.
  - i. You wouldn't have learned about conditionals if you-----the homework
  - j. When we were children, my sister and I would hide our broccoli in our milk, if our mother-----it on our dinner plates  
(30 marks)
2. The English verb conjugation is based on five modifications. Use clear illustrations to explain each modification. (20 marks)
3. (a) Use knowledge of influence modality to distinguish the meaning of modal verbs in these sentences
  - (i) John must go to class.
  - (ii) John has to go to class
  - (iii) John needs to go to class

(b) The verb phrase in each of the sentences below is wrong. Explain why and write the correct form of the VP.

(i) Are you believing in God?

(ii) Can you hear those people? What do they talk about?

(iii) I wanted to asking you something now.

(iv) I like your village. How long are you living here? (20 marks)

4a. Write the plural forms of the nouns in these sentences

(i) He carried analysis of the specimen.

(ii) The tempo of city life caused her heart complications.

(iii) Moses claimed to have seen a seraph in his vision.

(iv) The union was expected to send a memorandum to the mayor.

(v) The plant responded to the stimulus as was expected.

(b) Combine the two sentences into one, using the second as the adjective phrase. Remember to place the adjective phrase immediately after the noun it describes.

(i) Simon Bolivar was born in Venezuela. Venezuela is located in South America.

(ii) Germany is now a unified country. It was divided into East and West in 1945.

(iii) Sudan has a population of 121,000,000. It is the largest country in Africa

(iv) Thailand has never been ruled by foreign power. It is situated in Southeast Asia

(v) There are six principal dialects of Spanish. Spanish is the official language of twelve South American countries.

(20 marks)

5a. Study the two sentences below. In each sentence identify the prepositional phrase and describe its function

(i) The coin fell between the cracks.

(ii) My cheque for the book is in this mail (10 marks)

(b) Identify the determiners in the sentences below

(i) Both of my younger brothers are married

(ii) Some people send a lot of money (5 marks)

c. Distinguish between predicative and attributive adjectives with the aid of examples (5 marks)