



MASENO UNIVERSITY
UNIVERSITY EXAMINATIONS 2013/2014

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

(CITY CAMPUS - SCHOOL BASED)

AEN 305: ENGLISH PHONOLOGY

Date: 27th August 2014

Time: 11.00 a.m. - 1.00 p.m.

INSTRUCTIONS:

- Answer Question ONE and any other TWO questions.

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Q.1. With specific reference to Chomsky and Halle's Distinctive Feature System, explain and illustrate the criteria for classifying the consonants of English into natural classes. (30 marks)

Q.2. Illustrate the following phonological processes with examples from English:

- (a) aspiration (4 marks)
- (b) juncture (4 marks)
- (c) labialization (4 marks)
- (d) palatalization (4 marks)
- (e) nasalization (4 marks)

- Q.3. Identify and describe five problems encountered during phoneme identification exercises. (20 marks)
- Q.4. Illustrate the morphophonemic processes that operate in the realization of the following:
- (i) the English plural morpheme (10 marks)
 - (ii) the English past tense morpheme (10 marks)
- Q.5. Discuss any two approaches to defining the concept phoneme and outline the merits and demerits of each. (20 marks)