



MASENO UNIVERSITY
UNIVERSITY EXAMINATIONS 2013/2014

**FOURTH YEAR FIRST SEMESTER EXAMINATIONS FOR THE
DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF EDUCATION (ARTS) WITH
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
(HOMA CAMPUS – SCHOOL BASED)**

**AEN 404: ADVANCES IN THE DESCRIPTION OF
ENGLISH SYNTAX**

Date: 11th April, 2014

Time: 4.00 – 6.00 p.m.

INSTRUCTIONS:

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



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1. Discuss the appropriateness of Immediate Constituent Analysis as an approach to the study of English Syntax. (30 marks)
2. With relevant examples, explain how the Government and Binding Theory accounts for the interpretation of
 - (i) Anaphors
 - (ii) Pronouns
 - (iii) R-expressions(20 marks)
3. Use appropriate tree diagram illustrations to discuss the syntax of :
 - (a) Head movement
 - (b) Wh-movement
 - (c) Affix hopping(20 marks)
4. With relevant illustrations, explain why it is arguable that modals, tense, negation and agreement are not part of the Verb Phrase in English. (20 marks)
5. Explain the importance of Transformational Generative Grammar as a model for the description of English Syntax. (20 marks)