



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

MAIN CAMPUS

AEN 413: DISCOURSE ANALYSIS

Date: 20th April, 2016

Time: 2.30 - 4.30 pm

INSTRUCTIONS:

- Answer question ONE and any other TWO questions.



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Q1. a) Demonstrate with ample illustrations the applicability of Schiffrin's (1987) Assumptions of Discourse Analysis. (20 marks)

b) Explain Brown and Yule's (1999) perceptions on the concerns of Discourse Analysis. (10 marks)

Q2. With appropriate illustrations, shed light on the following Discourse Analysis concepts:

- i. Presupposition
- ii. Inference
- iii. Performatives
- iv. Illocutionary Speech Act
- v. Felicity Conditions (20 marks)

Q3. a) Briefly discuss the Transactional and Interactional views of discourse.

(8 marks)

b) Using adequate examples, distinguish the concepts of conformity and breach in Grice's (1968) four maxims of conversation. (12 marks)

Q4. Explain, with illustrations, how the following features of conversation manifest in written or spoken modes:

- i. Turn Taking and Turn Allocation
- ii. Adjacency Pairs
- iii. Insertion Sequences
- iv. Overlap in Speeches (20 marks)

Q5. Define the term conflict and explain the FIVE main formats of conflict resolution as observed by Vuchinich (1990) (20 marks)