



MASENO UNIVERSITY
UNIVERSITY EXAMINATIONS 2015/2016

**FIRST YEAR FIRST SEMESTER EXAMINATION FOR THE DEGREE OF
BACHELOR OF EDUCATION ARTS WITH INFORMATION
TECHNOLOGY**

MAIN CAMPUS

AEN 103: HISTORY OF ENGLISH LANGUAGE

Date: 14th January, 2016

Time: 8.30 - 10.30am

INSTRUCTIONS:

- Answer Question ONE and any other TWO questions.

Q.1. a) Explain the role of the following factors in the growth and development of the English language:

i) International Christianization (5 marks)

ii) Imperialism (5 marks)

iii) Globalization (5 marks)

b) Compare and contrast the features of American English with those of standard British English (15 marks)

Q.2. Discuss the role and status of English in Kenya since independence (20 marks)

Q.3. Describe the changes that occurred in English language between old English and the middle English period (20 marks)

Q.4. Describe and illustrate the influence of the Norman French during the middle English period (20 marks)

Q.5. Specify the linguistic contribution of the following groups to the development of English language:

a) The Romans and Greek (5 marks)

b) The Vikings and Celts (5 marks)

c) The Angles and Saxons (5 marks)