



**MASENO UNIVERSITY**  
**UNIVERSITY EXAMINATIONS 2015/2016**

**SECOND YEAR SECOND SEMESTER EXAMINATIONS FOR THE  
DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF EDUCATION ARTS WITH  
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY**

**CITY CAMPUS-SCHOOL BASED**

**AEN 205: THE ENGLISH GROUP**

Date: 9<sup>th</sup> February, 2016

Time: 2.00 - 4.00 pm

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**INSTRUCTIONS:**

- Answer question ONE and any other TWO questions.



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1. "Aspectual meaning involves not the temporal location of the situation but rather its temporal flow or segmentation" (Huddleston, 1988). Discuss this definition in relation to the distinction between tense and aspect. (30 marks).
2. Make a clear distinction between the morphology and syntax of
  - (a) Lexical verbs
  - (b) Auxiliary verbs
3. Discuss why it is arguable that the notion of number affects other syntactic categories besides the noun.
4. Explain why syntactic distribution rather than the morphology of words is of paramount importance in the recognition of word classes. (20 marks)
5. With examples from English, show how the following apply in the study of constituent structure
  - (a) Phrase Structure Rules (6 marks)
  - (b) Tree diagrammes (6 marks)
  - (c) Labelled bracketing. (8 marks)