



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

**HOMA-BAY CAMPUS**

**AEN 315: TRENDS IN CONTEMPORARY ENGLISH, 2015**

Date: 6<sup>th</sup> December, 2015

Time: 2.00 - 4.00 pm

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INSTRUCTIONS:

- Answer question ONE and any other TWO questions.



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**Q1.** a) In English language contact situations, Pidgin is set to arise. Explain this notion making reference to FIVE theories of Pidgins. (10 marks)

b) "Language is a unique phenomenon subject to continuous change". Discuss the phenomenon with adequate illustrations from the English language. (20 marks)

**Q2.** The rise of new varieties of English occasioned the emergence of African forms of English. Examine the FOUR contributory factors that enhanced these varieties. (20 marks)

**Q3.** English as a medium of instruction in African schools has been a contentious issue among educationists. Discuss the contrasting arguments leveled towards this issue. (20 marks)

**Q4.** With practical examples, discuss the FIVE major influences on the English language since 1900. (20 marks)

**Q5.** Okombo (1987) states that there exists a Kenyan variety of English distinct from Standard British English. Evaluate this statement under the following linguistics properties:

- i. The sound system
  - ii. Lexical properties
  - iii. Syntactical properties
- (20 marks)