



MASENO UNIVERSITY
UNIVERSITY EXAMINATIONS 2015/2016

**FOURTH YEAR FIRST SEMESTER EXAMINATIONS FOR THE
DEGREE OF BACHELOR EDUCATION WITH INFORMATION
TECHNOLOGY**

MAIN CAMPUS

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

Date: 8th January, 2016

Time: 11.00 - 1.00 pm

INSTRUCTIONS:

- Answer question ONE and any other TWO questions.



AEN 404 ADVANCES IN THE DESCRIPTION OF ENGLISH SYNTAX

1. (a) Explain the central tenets of Immediate Constituent Analysis as an approach to the study of English syntax. (10 marks)
(b) Discuss the weaknesses of Immediate Constituent Analysis. (20 marks)
2. Explain how Phrase Structure Grammar differs from Transformational Generative Grammar as models of the grammatical description of English syntax. (20 marks)
3. State the three principles of the Binding sub-theory of the Government and Binding Theory and discuss the syntax and semantics of the three types of Determiner Phrases they are designed to account for. (20 marks)
4. With clear illustrations from English, explain what the following concepts entail.
 - (a) Head movement (4 marks)
 - (b) Wh movement (4 marks)
 - (c) Pied piping (4 marks)
 - (d) Vacuous movement (4 marks)
 - (e) Stranding (4 marks)
5. Explain how Generative Grammar differs from Functional Grammar. (20 marks)