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SCHOOL OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

DEPARTMENT OF LINGUISTICS AND LANGUAGES

SUPPLEMENTARY EXAMINATION FOR DEGREE IN

BACHELOR OF EDUCATION (ARTS) / BA ARTS

ALT 102: INTRODUCTION TO EAST AFRICAN ORAL LITERATURE

Date:

Time:

INSTRUCTIONS

*This paper consists of **FIVE** questions*

*Answer question **ONE** and other **TWO** questions in this paper*

Section A: (Compulsory)

1. a) Explain the nature of oral literature? (10 marks)
- b) Using an example of a song from your community, discuss the relationship between songs and poetry. (20 marks)

Section B

2. With ample illustrations, examine the nature and function of trickster narratives from your community. (20 marks)
3. “The oral artist breathes life to the text”. Discuss the role of the oral artist in the rendition of oral literature. (20 marks)
4. With the help of **THREE** examples for **EACH**, distinguish between tongue twisters and riddles. (20 marks)
5. Using examples from any Kenyan community, describe how female characters are portrayed in oral narratives. (20 marks)