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SCHOOL OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

DEPARTMENT OF LINGUISTICS AND LANGUAGES

.....SEMESTER EXAMINATION FOR DIPLOMA IN EDUCATION

ALT 0104: INTRODUCTION TO ORAL LITERATURE

Date:

Time:

INSTRUCTIONS

ANSWER QUESTION ONE (COMPULSORY) AND ANY OTHER TWO

QUESTION ONE (compulsory=30marks)

- a) Define oral literature. (2 marks)
- b) Explain FOUR functions of oral literature. (8 marks)
- c) Discuss FOUR genres of oral literature. (8 marks)
- d) Define the following terms in oral literature:-
 - i) Epic (1 mark)
 - ii) Ballard (1 mark)
- e) Discuss FIVE characteristics of folk literature (10mks).

QUESTION TWO.

Explain the nature of oral traditions giving specific examples. (20mks)

QUESTION THREE

Discuss the following varieties of elements which give rise to oral literature

- i) Artistic
 - ii) Social
 - iii) Cultural
 - iv) Physical
- (20 marks)

QUESTION FOUR

- a) Explain TWO theoretical approaches to the study of oral literature. (8 marks)
- b) Discuss FOUR genres of Narratives. (8 marks)
- c) Explain your understanding of 'short forms' in oral literature and give specific examples. (4 marks)

QUESTION FIVE

- a) Discuss FOUR Research methods in oral literature and folklore giving specific examples. (8 marks)
- b) Explain THREE sources of Oral literature. (6 marks)
- c) Discuss THREE methods of collecting Oral literature material. Give examples (6 marks)