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SCHOOL OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

DEPARTMENT OF LINGUISTICS AND LANGUAGES

FIRST SEMESTER EXAMINATION FOR DEGREE IN BACHELOR OF EDUCATION
(ARTS) AND BACHELOR OF ARTS

ALT301: THEORY AND METHOD IN 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) With adequate illustrations from your community, explain how you can apply an ethnographic approach to study short formulaic forms? (15 Marks)
b) Using a trickster narrative of choice, demonstrate how you can apply a structural approach to analyse the moral lessons therein. (15 marks)

Section B

2. Drawing your examples from any narrative of the proud girl and the ogre, explain how you can apply Freudian psychoanalysis to interpret its meaning. (20marks)
3. Discuss the centrality of fieldwork in the study of oral literature. (20marks)
4. Explain how you can apply ecocriticism to demonstrate the utilitarian function of aetiological narratives. (20marks)
5. Examine the common tools and methods you can engage in contemporary urban settings to document and archive oral literature materials. (20 Marks)