



MACHAKOS UNIVERSITY

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SCHOOL OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCE

DEPARTMENT OF LINGUISTICS AND LANGUAGES

AUGUST SESSION EXAMINATION FOR DIPLOMA IN EDUCATION

ALT 0104: INTRODUCTION TO ORAL LITERATURE

DATE: SCHOOLBASED

TIME:

INSTRUCTIONS:

Answer Question One (Compulsory) and Any Other Two

QUESTION ONE (30 MARKS)

1. a) Discuss **FIVE** characteristics of folk literature (10 marks)
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- b) Explain **FOUR** functions of oral literature (8 marks)
- c) Discuss **FOUR** genres of oral literature (8 marks)
- d) Define the following terms:
 - i) Oral literature (2 marks)
 - ii) Epic (2 marks)
2. 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)
3. Explain the nature of oral traditions giving specific examples. (20 marks)
4. 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)
5. Discuss the following varieties of elements which give rise to oral literature
- i) Artistic
 - ii) Social
 - iii) Cultural
 - iv) Physical (20 marks)