



MACHAKOS UNIVERSITY

University Examinations for 2018/2019 Academic Year

SCHOOL OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

DEPARTMENT OF LINGUISTICS AND LANGUAGES

FIRST YEAR SPECIAL/SUPPLEMENTARY EXAMINATION FOR

BACHELOR OF EDUCATION (ARTS)

BACHELOR OF ARTS

ALT 102: INTRODUCTION TO EAST AFRICAN ORAL LITERATURE

DATE: 25/9/2019

TIME: 8.30-10.30 AM

INSTRUCTIONS: ANSWER QUESTION ONE AND ANY OTHER TWO QUESTIONS

1. a) Provide the distinguishing features between oral and written literature? (10 marks)

 b) Using ample illustrations from TWO different songs, examine the defining features of
 work songs. (20 marks)
2. Examine any ONE important moral lesson drawn from an example of an ogre story from your
 community. (20 marks)
3. Explain the functions of the oral artist in the rendition of African tales. (20 marks)
4. Evaluate FOUR significant differences between myths and legends. Use examples from your
 community to illustrate. (20 marks)
5. Using examples from any Kenyan community, describe the functions of proverbs. (20 marks)