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SCHOOL OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCE

DEPARTMENT OF LINGUISTICS AND LANGUAGES

**THIRD YEAR FIRST SEMESTER EXAMINATION FOR BACHELOR OF
EDUCATION**

ALT 301: THEORY AND METHODS IN ORAL LITERATURE

DATE: 1/8/2017

TIME: 8:30 – 10:30 AM

INSTRUCTIONS

Answer Question one and any other two.

QUESTION ONE (COMPULSORY) (30 MARKS)

- a) Explain how Anthropological theory aids in analysis of folklore materials. (15 marks)
- b) Using suitable illustrations from an oral literary text of your choice explain how Relevance theory aids in criticism of folklore materials. (15 marks)

QUESTION TWO (20 MARKS)

Explain five elements of Psychoanalytical theory that can guide character analysis in an oral narrative. (15 marks)

Question Three (20 MARKS)

Citing illustrations from a song of your choice explain any five sonic features that one can focus on in analysis of meaning discernible in songs. (20 marks)

QUESTION FOUR (20 MARKS)

Discuss the importance of structuralism in folklore studies. (20 marks)

QUESTION FIVE (20 MARKS)

Apply deconstruction theory to explicate the proverb below.
“Hurry hurry has no blessings” (20 marks)