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SCHOOL OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

DEPARTMENT OF LINGUISTICS AND LANGUAGES

FIRST YEAR SECOND SEMESTER EXAMINATION FOR

BACHELOR OF EDUCATION (ARTS)

BACHELOR OF ARTS

ALT 102: EASTERN AFRICAN ORAL LITERATURE

DATE: 30/4/2019

TIME: 2:00 – 4:00 PM

INSTRUCTIONS

Answer question one and any other two questions

QUESTION ONE (COMPULSORY) (30 MARKS)

- a) Define oral literature
- b) Discuss FOUR functions of oral literature in Eastern Africa
- c) Examine FOUR characteristics of oral literature that distinguishes it from written literature

QUESTION TWO (20 MARKS)

Engagement with theory interferes with the enjoyment of oral literature performance. Discuss.

QUESTION THREE (20 MARKS)

- a) Explain the term genre in oral Literature
- b) Discuss the key features of oral poetry in Eastern Africa

QUESTION FOUR (20 MARKS)

- a) Define fieldwork in oral literature
- b) Explain four reasons why methodology is important in oral literature research.

QUESTION FIVE (20 MARKS)

Modern Information Communication Technology (ICT) is a threat to the continued survival of oral literature in Eastern Africa. Discuss.