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SCHOOL OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCE

DEPARTMENT OF LINGUISTICS AND LANGUAGES

**FIRST YEAR SECOND SEMESTER EXAMINATION FOR DIPLOMA IN
EDUCATION**

ALT 0104: INTRODUCTION TO ORAL LITERATURE

DATE: 2/6/2017

TIME: 2:00 – 4:00 PM

INSTRUCTIONS

Answer Question One and Any Other Two Questions

QUESTION ONE-COMPULSORY(30MARKS)

- a) Define Oral Literature (2 marks)
- b) Explain FIVE functions of oral literature. (5 marks)
- c) Describe the genres of oral literature and characteristics of each. (14 marks)
- d) Explain THREE sources of oral literature (9 marks)

QUESTION TWO (20 MARKS)

Describe short forms in oral literature and characteristics of each .Give clear examples.

(20 marks)

QUESTION THREE (20 MARKS)

- i. Discuss FOUR Research methods in Oral Literature and folklore
- ii Explain the advantages and disadvantages of each method identified in (i) above..

(20 marks)

QUESTION FOUR (20 MARKS)

Explain THREE theoretical approaches to the study of oral literature and folklore. (20 marks)

QUESTION FIVE (20 MARKS)

Discuss the cultural, social and physical elements which give rise to oral literature. Give examples. (20 marks)