



MACHAKOS UNIVERSITY

University Examinations for 2019/2020 Academic Year

SCHOOL OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

DEPARTMENT OF LINGUISTICS AND LANGUAGES

FIRST YEAR FIRST SEMESTER EXAMINATION FOR

BACHELOR OF EDUCATION (ARTS)

BACHELOR OF ARTS

ALT 301: THEORY AND METHODS IN ORAL LITERATURE

DATE: 5/12/2019

TIME: 2.00-4.00 PM

INSTRUCTIONS: ANSWER QUESTION ONE AND ANY OTHER TWO QUESTIONS

QUESTION ONE (30 MARKS)

- a) “Fieldwork in Oral Literature depends mainly on the methodology employed.” Discuss.
- b) “Oral literature in the internet is a dull version of the actual performance” Do you agree?
Give reasons for your position.

QUESTION TWO (20 MARKS)

“A student of Oral Literature is a student of culture.” Interrogate this statement using the tenets of ethnomethodology.

QUESTION THREE (20 MARKS)

Using relevant examples, discuss how the theory of Narratology impacts on the scholarship of Oral Literature.

QUESTION FOUR (20 MARKS)

“Theory is dead and has no place in the study of Oral Literature.” Discuss.

QUESTION FIVE (20 MARKS)

Discuss how an Oral Literature performance context is mediated by the following:

- a) Text
- b) Oral artist
- c) Audience
- d) Spontaneity.