MACHAKOS UNIVERSITY

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SCHOOL OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

DEPARTMENT OF LINGUISTICS AND LANGUAGES

AUGUST SESSION EXAMINATION FOR

DIPLOMA IN EDUCATION (ARTS)

ALT 0104 -INTRODUCTION TO ORAL LITERATURE

DATE: SCHOOL BASED   **TIME:**

INSTRUCTIONS:

Answer question one and any other two questions

QUESTION ONE (30 MARKS)

a)   Define the following: (2 marks)

         i.   Oral literature

         ii.   Ballard

b)   **Discuss THREE** characteristics of folk literature.   (6 marks)

c)   Using specific examples of each, discuss FOUR functions of oral literature.   (8 marks)

d)   Differentiate any **THREE** genres of oral literature.   (6 marks)

e)   Explain FOUR sources of Oral literature   (8 marks)

QUESTION TWO (20 MARKS)

a)   Images used in oral literature and folklore vary depending on society though the message conveyed may be the same. Justify this assertion using examples from your study of oral literature.   (12 marks)

b)   Using examples from your study of oral literature differentiate between characteristics of proverbs and tongue twisters   (8 marks)

QUESTION THREE (20 MARKS)

Discuss the following varieties of elements which give rise to oral literature and how they depict the tradition of a society:

a)   Artistic

b)   Social

c)   Cultural

d)   Physical

QUESTION FOUR (20 MARKS)

a) Explain **TWO** theoretical approaches to the study of oral literature giving examples from your field work study   (4 marks)

b) Differentiate beliefs, customs, taboos and superstitions based on your oral literature field study.   (12 marks)

 QUESTION FIVE (20 MARKS)

Discuss five Research methods in oral literature and folklore giving specific examples and explaining the challenges faced in each.