



MACHAKOS UNIVERSITY

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SCHOOL OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

DEPARTMENT OF LINGUISTICS AND LANGUAGES

DECEMBER SESSION EXAMINATION FOR

BACHELOR OF EDUCATION (ARTS)

BACHELOR OF ARTS

ALT 301: THEORY AND METHOD IN ORAL LITERATURE

DATE: SCHOOLBASED

TIME:

INSTRUCTIONS

Answer question ONE and other TWO questions in this paper

SECTION A: (COMPULSORY)

QUESTION ONE (30 MARKS)

- a) Define the following terms
- i) Theory (2 marks)
 - ii) Methodology (2 marks)
 - iii) Oral literature fieldwork (2 marks)
- b) Provide 5 significances of oral literature fieldwork as well as 5 unique challenges you experienced in the field and the strategies you used to overcome the mentioned challenges. (24 marks)

SECTION B: ANSWER ANY TWO QUESTIONS

QUESTION TWO (20 MARKS)

Showing your understanding of Grounded Theory, demonstrate its place in Oral Literature Fieldwork.

QUESTION THREE (20 MARKS)

Engage with ideas postulated in the Evolutionism and cultural diffusionism theories of Oral Literature.

QUESTION FOUR (20 MARKS)

- a) What is the significance of methodology in Oral Literature research? (10 marks)
- b) Discuss participant observation and interview as significant methods in Oral Literature fieldwork. (10 marks)

QUESTION FIVE (20 MARKS)

Discuss the place of ethics in Oral Literature fieldwork.