



MACHAKOS UNIVERSITY

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SCHOOL OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

DEPARTMENT OF LINGUISTICS AND LANGUAGES

FIRST YEAR SECOND SEMESTER EXAMINATION FOR

DIPLOMA IN EDUCATION (ARTS)

AEN 0104: INTRODUCTION TO ORAL LITERATURE

DATE: 12/11/2020

TIME: 8:30 – 10:30 AM

INSTRUCTIONS

Answer Question One (Compulsory) and Any Other Two Questions

QUESTION ONE (COMPULSORY) (30 MARKS)

- a) Define Oral Literature (2 marks)
- b) Discuss **THREE** characteristics of Oral literature (9 marks)
- c) Explain **FOUR** functions of oral literature (8 marks)
- d) Describe **FOUR** sources of Oral literature (8 marks)
- e) Outline any **THREE** genres of oral literature (3 marks)

QUESTION TWO (20 MARKS)

- a) Images used in oral literature and folklore vary from society to society though the message conveyed may be the same. Explain this statement drawing illustrations from at least **TWO** different communities (11 marks)
- b) Using examples from your study of oral literature describe the characteristics of the following:
 - i) Proverbs
 - ii) Riddles
 - iii) Tongue- twisters (9 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:

- i) Artistic
- ii) Social
- iii) Cultural
- iv) Physical

QUESTION FOUR (20 MARKS)

- a) Explain **TWO** theoretical approaches to the study of oral literature giving examples from your field work study (8 marks)
- b) Differentiate beliefs, customs, taboos and superstitions based on your oral literature field study (12 marks)

QUESTION FIVE (20 MARKS)

- a) Describe children's use of folk literature drawing examples from any two communities (6 marks)
- b) Explain **TWO** Research methods in oral literature citing a situation where you would use the methods (6 marks)
- c) Describe the use of characterization in oral literature and the significance of the characters (8 marks)