



# MACHAKOS UNIVERSITY

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SCHOOL OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

DEPARTMENT OF LINGUISTICS AND LANGUAGES

FIRST YEAR SUPPLEMENTARY EXAMINATION FOR DEGREE IN

BACHELOR OF EDUCATION (ARTS)

BACHELOR OF ARTS

ALT 102: INTRODUCTION TO EAST AFRICAN ORAL LITERATURE

DATE: 12/8/2021

TIME: 8:30 – 10:30 AM

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## INSTRUCTIONS

*This paper consists of **FIVE** questions*

*Answer question **ONE** and other **TWO** questions in this paper*

Section A: (Compulsory)

1. a) Using adequate examples, explain the characteristics of oral literature? (10 marks)
- b) Identify any one popular cartoon and describe the features of the main characters. How are those features similar to those of traditional African Oral narratives? (10 marks)
- c) Briefly discuss the main theme of ANY one ogre story from your local community. (10 marks)

## SECTION B: ANSWER ANY OTHER TWO QUESTIONS

2. Examine the qualities of the oral artist using illustrations of ANY oral performance from your community. (20 marks)
3. Using FIVE examples from your community, explain the moral function of proverbs. (20 marks)
4. Evaluate FOUR significant characteristics of aetiological narratives. (20 marks)
5. Using examples from any Kenyan community, describe the functions of circumcision songs. (20 marks)