



KENYATTA UNIVERSITY

UNIVERSITY EXAMINATIONS 2017/2018

FIRST SEMESTER EXAMINATION FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF ARTS

ALT 102: INTRODUCTION TO EAST AFRICAN ORAL LITERATURE

DATE: TUESDAY 6TH FEBRUARY 2018

TIME: 4.30 P.M. - 6.30 P.M.

INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Basing your answers from oral texts studied in this course, discuss the importance of oral literature in society today.
2. Oral poetry remains one of the most versatile genres in oral literature. Discuss. (22 marks)
3. Field-work involves certain challenges to a researcher. Discuss at least six such challenges and how you would attempt to solve them. (22 marks)
4. Discuss the significance of songs in oral narratives. (22 marks)
5. Colonialism was a blow to the growth of East African oral literature. Discuss and give examples. (22 marks)
