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INSTITUTIONAL BASED PROGRAMME (IBP) – DECEMBER 2016 SESSION
EXAMINATION FOR THE DEGREE OF MASTER OF ARTS

ALT 804: AFRICAN ORAL LITERATURE

DATE: THURSDAY 28TH DECEMBER 2017

TIME: 9.00 A.M. – 12.00 P.M.

INSTRUCTIONS:

Answer Question ONE and any other TWO

1. Define and discuss any THREE of the terms below so as to demonstrate you understand their folkloric meaning and implications:
 - i) Myth
 - ii) Folktale
 - iii) Text
 - iv) Context
2. What would you regard as Alan Dundes contribution to folklore theory over the late four decades?
3. Discuss the dominant trends and practices in the study of oral literature in Kenya since 1970 to date.
4. With reference to works of Harols Scheub and Maxi Luth, discuss the importance of old songs, chants and other forumulae in folktales.
5. Would you agree/disagree that women are depicted negatively in African folklore?