



KENYATTA UNIVERSITY

UNIVERSITY EXAMINATIONS 2013/2014

SECOND SEMESTER EXAMINATION FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR FOR
ARTS

ALT 102: INTRODUCTION TO EAST AFRICAN ORAL LITERATURE

DATE: FRIDAY 4TH APRIL, 2014

TIME: 8.00 A.M – 10.00 A.M

INSTRUCTIONS: Answer question ONE and other TWO

QUESTION ONE (COMPULSORY)

a) Attempt a brief description of each of the following terms in the study of oral literature:

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| i) Folklore | (4 marks) |
| ii) Oral Tradition | (4 marks) |
| iii) Composition | (4 marks) |
| iv) Transmission | (4 marks) |
| v) Audience | (4 marks) |
| vi) Improvisation | (4 marks) |

[Total: 24 marks]

QUESTION TWO

Using appropriate examples from your community, discuss the relationship among the artist, oral art and society. (23 marks)

QUESTION THREE

Discuss ways in which oral literature has influenced African written Literature. (23 marks)

QUESTION FOUR

Discuss the role of EITHER oral narratives OR in the short forms in the transformation of society. (23 marks)

QUESTION FIVE

In what ways can oral poetry be said to be entertaining and educative? (23 marks)