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SECOND SEMESTER EXAMINATION FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF
EDUCATION AND BACHELOR OF ARTS

ALT 301: THEORY AND METHOD IN ORAL LITERATURE

DATE: Friday, 8th April 2016

TIME: 4.30 p.m. - 6.30 p.m.

INSTRUCTIONS:

Answer **Three** questions. Question **One** is **Compulsory**.

1. Explain how understanding of the following concepts affects our perception of oral literature.
 - (a) Composition and performance. [10 Marks]
 - (b) Text and context. [10 Marks]
 - (c) Folklore and oral tradition. [10 Marks]
 2. Compare and contrast evolutionism and diffusionism, explaining their contribution to the study of oral literature. [20 Marks]
 3. Assess the significance of the components of research methodology applicable to oral literature fieldwork. [20 Marks]
 4. What is the rationale of using gender-based approaches to the understanding of oral literature materials? [20 Marks]
 5. Oral literature remains the preserve of the oral artist. Do you agree or disagree? Offer adequate examples for your response. [20 Marks]
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