



KENYATTA UNIVERSITY
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SECOND SEMESTER EXAMINATION FOR THE BACHELOR OF ARTS AND
BACHELOR OF EDUCATION
ALT 102: INTRODUCTION TO EAST AFRICAN ORAL POETRY

DATE: WEDNESDAY, 27TH MARCH, 2019

TIME: 2.00 P.M. - 4.00 P.M.

INSTRUCTIONS

Answer THREE questions. Question ONE is compulsory

1. In what ways can we say that the meaning of oral Literature is tied to its functions in society.
(30 marks)
2. (30 marks)
3. Discuss the significance of field work in the study of Oral Literature. (20 marks)
4. Giving appropriate examples of proverbs from your community, discuss the content and role of proverbs. (20 marks)
5. Critically analyze the gender relations depicted in the oral literature of a community from East Africa. Use several illustrations from any genre. (20 marks)
6. Discuss the centrality of oral performance in the study of oral literature. (20 marks)
7. In response to the oral poetry you have studied in this unit discuss the view that poetry or song is educative and entertaining in East African societies. (20 marks)