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KIRIRI WOMENS' UNIVERSITY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY
UNIVERSITY EXAMINATIONS, 2022/2023 ACADEMIC YEAR
END OF SEMESTER EXAMINATIONS
FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF EDUCATION (ARTS)
KLT 2100-INTRODUCTION TO ORAL LITERATURE

Date: 15th December 2022

Time: 11.30am-1.30pm

INSTRUCTION TO CANDIDATES

ANSWER QUESTION ONE (COMPULSORY) AND ANY OTHER TWO QUESTIONS

QUESTION ONE (30 MARKS)

- a) Discuss the significance of performance to the study of Oral Literature. [6 marks]
- b) What is your understanding of the following terms as used in Oral Literature?
 - i. Oral form. [2 marks]
 - ii. Oral artist. [2 marks]
 - iii. Oral poetry. [2 marks]
 - iv. Oral Narrative. [2 marks]
 - v. Aetiological tales. [2 marks]
- c) Highlight the differences between written and oral literature. [8 marks]
- d) Briefly explain any **three** types of spoken form (prose) in Oral Literature. [6 marks]

QUESTION TWO (20 MARKS)

- a) Evaluate features that make proverbs distinct from other genres. [8 marks]
- b) Briefly explain the social functions of poetry. [6 marks]
- c) Examine the guidelines used in classifying oral poetry. [6 marks]

QUESTION THREE (20 MARKS)

- a) Explain the relationship between Oral Literature and History. [8 marks]
- b) Briefly explain the **five** segments of a narrative. [6 marks]
- c) Describe the motifs identified by diffusionists in their classification of the narrative plot. [6 marks]

QUESTION FOUR (20 MARKS)

- a) Evaluate the future of Oral Literature in Kenya. [10 marks]
- b) Discuss the contexts when a proverb can be used. [10 marks]

QUESTION FIVE (20 MARKS)

- a) State the appropriate stages in a riddling process. [9 marks]
- b) Define tongue twisters. [3 marks]
- c) What roles do tongue twisters play in our society? [8 marks]