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THIRD YEAR EXAMINATION FOR THE AWARD OF DEGREE
OF BACHELOR OF EDUCATION (ARTS)

LITT 312: FOLKLORE STUDIES AND ORAL LITERATURE I (GENRES)

STREAMS: BED (ARTS)

TIME: 2 HOURS

DAY/DATE: TUESDAY 05/12/2017

8.30 A.M. – 10.30 A.M.

INSTRUCTIONS: ANSWER THREE QUESTIONS. QUESTION ONE IS COMPULSORY

1. Critically discuss the terms 'Oral literature' and 'folklore'. [20 marks]
2. Either
 - (a) Outline and critically analyze any three systems used in the classification of folklore and oral literature material. [20 marks]Or;
 - (b) Using illustrations, discuss the place of performance in defining and understanding oral literature. [20 marks]
3. Making reference to a Kenyan community you are familiar with, discuss in detail its key traditional values. [20 marks]
4. Discuss the nature and function of myths and legends in the society. [20 marks]
5. Either;
 - (a) Critically discuss the social and psychological significance of folktales. [20 marks]Or;
 - (b) Critically evaluate the content and style of riddles and proverbs. Use example from a community you are familiar with. [20 marks]
6. Outline and discuss five forms of oral poetry in African communities. Reference to relevant examples you are familiar with. [20 marks]