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**KIRIRI WOMENS' UNIVERSITY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY
UNIVERSITY EXAMINATION, 2020/2021 ACADEMIC YEAR
SECOND YEAR, FIRST SEMESTER EXAMINATION
FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF EDUCATION
(ARTS)**

Date: 11th December, 2020
Time: 11.30am – 1.30pm

KLT 2100 – INTRODUCTION TO ORAL LITERATURE

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

ANSWER QUESTION ONE (COMPULSORY) AND ANY OTHER TWO QUESTIONS

QUESTION ONE (30 MARKS)

- a) Define Oral Literature. (4 Marks)
- b) Describe the social context under which the song genre is used. (6 Marks)
- c) Identify four characteristics of a good Oral Artist. (8 Marks)
- d) List three characteristics of panegyrics. (6 Marks)
- e) Identify six elements of an epic hero. (6 Marks)

QUESTION TWO (20 MARKS)

- a) Examine the meaning of Oral Poetry. (6 Marks)
- b) Explain the broad methods of field research. (6 Marks)
- c) Discuss the functions of oral literature. (8 Marks)

QUESTION THREE (20 MARKS)

- a) Explain the importance of studying oral literature. (8 Marks)
- b) Illustrate the relationship between composition and performance of oral Literature. (6 Marks)
- c) Explain and illustrate the Tongue twisters. (6 Marks)

QUESTION FOUR (20 MARKS)

- a) Identify four characteristics of Oral Literature. (8 Marks)
- b) Explain dirges and their functions. (6 Marks)
- c) Explain the social function of proverbs. (6 Marks)

QUESTION FIVE (20 MARKS)

- a) State down the three main genres of Oral Literature. (6 Marks)
- b) Explain characteristics of the revival phase of African literature. (8 Marks)
- c) Identify three phases of development of African literature. (6 Marks)