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## University Examinations 2018/2019

FIRST YEAR FIRST SEMESTER EXAMINATION FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR  
OF EDUCATION ARTS

### ELI 3100: ORAL LITERATURE AND DRAMA

DATE: SEPTEMBER 2019

TIME: 2 HOURS

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INSTRUCTIONS: Answer question *one* and any other *two* questions

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#### QUESTION ONE (30 MARKS)

- a) Explain your understanding of the following in oral literature
- i. Orature (5 marks)
  - ii. Folklore (5 marks)
  - iii. Artist (5 marks)
- b) Oral literature constitutes performance. Discuss at least three aspects of performance in oral literature (9 marks)
- c) Discuss three factors to be considered in relation to the choice of audience in any three genres of literature (6 marks)

#### QUESTION TWO (20 MARKS)

Discuss diffusionism in regard to the interpretation of oral literature (20 marks)

#### QUESTION THREE (20 MARKS)

- a) Critically examine any four types of oral narratives (12 marks)

- b) Discuss the role the narrator plays in the composition and transmission of oral literature (8 marks)

**QUESTION FOUR (20 MARKS)**

- a) Discuss the importance of drama in the teaching of oral literature (12 marks)
- b) Explain the following aspects in relation to oral literature
- i. Setting
  - ii. Plot (8 marks)

**QUESTION FIVE (20 MARKS)**

Discuss any four genres of oral literature (20 marks)