



**KISII UNIVERSITY**  
**UNIVERSITY EXAMINATIONS**

**FIRST YEAR EXAMINATION FOR THE AWARD OF THE**  
**DEGREE OF MASTER OF ARTS IN LINGUISTICS**  
**SECOND SEMESTER 2021/2022**  
**[FEBRUARY-JUNE, 2022]**

**LITT 804: STUDIES IN ORAL LITERATURE AND FOLKLORE**

**STREAM: Y1S2**

**TIME: 3 HOURS**

**DAY: FRIDAY, 8.00 –11.00 AM**

**DATE: 29/04/2022**

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**INSTRUCTIONS**

- 1. Do not write anything on this question paper.***
- 2. Answer Question ONE and any other TWO questions.***

**QUESTION ONE**

Choose one theory of oral literature and apply it on some aspects of oral literature materials. Explain how the theory can be applied.

**QUESTION TWO**

Discuss the relationship between orality, performance and written text.

**QUESTION THREE**

Choose oral poetry from two ethnic communities and carry out a comparative analysis of them.

**QUESTION FOUR**

Discuss Leslie White's perspectives on the relationship between language (symbolic representation) and culture.

**QUESTION FIVE**

Discuss the aesthetics and cultural relevance in myths in Africa. Illustrate using examples from your community.