



## GARISSA UNIVERSITY

UNIVERSITY EXAMINATION **2017/2018** ACADEMIC YEAR **TWO**  
**SECOND** SEMESTER EXAMINATION

SCHOOL OF EDUCATION, ARTS AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF EDUCATION (ARTS)

COURSE CODE: LIT 221

COURSE TITLE: EAST AFRICAN ORAL LITERATURE

EXAMINATION DURATION: 3 HOURS

**DATE: 16/04/18**

**TIME: 2.00-5.00 PM**

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### INSTRUCTION TO CANDIDATES

- The examination has **SIX (6)** questions
- Question **ONE (1)** is **COMPULSORY**
- Choose any other **THREE (3)** questions from the remaining **FIVE (5)** questions
- Use sketch diagrams to illustrate your answer whenever necessary
- Do not carry mobile phones or any other written materials in examination room
- Do not write on this paper

This paper consists of **TWO (2)** printed pages

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**QUESTION ONE (COMPULSORY)**

Define oral literature and discuss why we need to study it. **[25 marks]**

**QUESTION TWO**

What are the various functions of proverbs? Explain your answer using examples from a community of your choice. **[15 marks]**

**QUESTION THREE**

Explain the function of riddles, giving adequate examples. **[15 marks]**

**QUESTION FOUR**

Discuss performance as an integral part of oral literature. **[15 marks]**

**QUESTION FIVE**

Outline and describe the stages involved in conducting fieldwork in oral literature. **[15 marks]**

**QUESTION SIX**

Basing your answer on any creative work you are familiar with, discuss how oral literature has influenced modern writers. **[15 marks]**

