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# **KIBABII UNIVERSITY**

#### **UNIVERSITY EXAMINATIONS**

## 20201/2021 ACADEMIC YEAR FOURTH YEAR SECOND SEMESTER

#### SPECIAL/SUPPLEMENTARY EXAMINATION

### FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF EDUCATION ARTS

COURSE CODE: LIT 406

**COURSE TITLE: COMPARATIVE ORAL LITERATURE** 

DATE: 17TH JANUARY, 2022

TIME: 11.00AM - 1.00PM

#### INSTRUCTION TO CANDIDATES

Answer ANY THREE Questions.

TIME: 2 Hours

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- Referring to trickster narratives from different societies in the Africa and the
  rest of the world, critically examine the concept of diffusionism in oral
  literature. (30 marks)
- 2. Using examples from Africa, the Caribbean and USA discuss how youths have used emerging popular culture and art forms to raise consciousness on identity.

  (20marks)
- 3. Discuss how **Feminist** literary theory can be used to analyze gender relations in an oral text. (20 marks)
- 4. Using examples from Chinua Achebe's *Things Fall Apart* and Ngugi wa Thiongo's *The River Between/ Weep Not, Child,* illustrate how African writers have borrowed immensely from oral traditions. (20 marks)
- 5. Discuss the evolution of oral literature from the pre-independent state in Africa through colonialism to the modern times and its adaptability to electronic media. (20 marks).