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**MASINDE MULIRO UNIVERSITY OF
SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY
(MMUST)**

SCHOOL BASED

**UNIVERSITY EXAMINATIONS
2023/2024 ACADEMIC YEAR**

SECOND YEAR FIRST SEMESTER EXAMINATIONS

**FOR THE DEGREE
OF
BACHELOR OF EDUCATION ART**

COURSE CODE: LIT 200

COURSE TITLE. EAST AFRCAN ORAL LITERATURE AND POETRY

DATE: FRIDAY 15TH DECEMBER 2023

TIME: 2-4 PM

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

Answer three questions. Question one is compulsory

TIME: 2 hours

1. a) Define the following terms: (10 mks)
 - folklore
 - oral literature
 - ethnomethodology
 - genre
 - orature
- b) Compare and contrast oral literature versus written literature. (10 mks)
- c) Explain five reasons why oral literature should be studied. (10 mks)
2. Performance in oral remains its pillar per excellence. Appraise this statement basing on the proverb, the riddle and the narrative. (20 mks)
3. Discuss the value of fieldwork for students of oral literature using examples from your experiences in the field.
4. Discuss the significance of panegyric poetry drawing your illustrations from any community where it exists.
5. Either:
 - a) Show how Okot P'Bitek's songs and poetry are crafted to bring out their beauty.
Or:
 - b) Analyze Everett Standa's poem *I speak for the Bush*, showing any three of its main concerns.