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(A Constituent College of Chuka University)

UNIVERSITY EXAMINATIONS

**EXAMINATION FOR THE AWARD OF DEGREE OF
BACHELOR OF EDUCATION ARTS**

LITT 804: STUDIES IN ORAL LITERATURE AND FOLKLORE

STREAMS: BED (ARTS) YISI P/T

TIME: 3 HOURS

DAY/DATE: TUESDAY 14/04/2020

2.30 PM – 5.30 PM

INSTRUCTIONS:

- **Answer Question One and any other Two**
- **Do not write on the question paper**

1. (a) What do you understand by the term folklore [5 marks]
(b) Outline the historical significance and development of folklore in African scholarship. [15 marks]
 2. Critically assess any one of the theories below in interpretation of narratives
(a) Diffusion
(b) Functionalism
(c) Evolution
(d) Structuralism [20 marks]
 3. Assess the key factors that distinguish African folklore from written literature. [20 marks]
 4. Use any theory you have studied in this unit to analyse any genre of oral literature. [20 marks]
 5. Collecting of folklore materials in the contemporary society has been quite challenging. Validate this assertion. [20 marks]
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