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FACULTY OF ARTS  
DEPARTMENT OF LANGUAGES  
2023\_1 POP EXAMINATION

COURSE CODE: ENG814

COURSE TITLE: STUDIES IN AFRICAN ORAL LITERATURE

CREDIT UNITS: 3

TIME ALLOWED: 3 HOURS

INSTRUCTION: Answer any four questions

1. Outline and discuss insightfully **six** factors that have hampered and **six** factors that have encouraged the practice and development of African oral literature in modern times.  
(45mins; 17.5 marks)
  
2. With close reference to four modern African literary texts, identify and discuss **eight** instances of borrowings from the African oral literary source.  
(45mins; 17.5 marks)
  
3. With close reference to chosen oral texts, identify and discuss **five** elements of African oral literature; and highlight **eight** functions of oral literature in the African society.  
(45mins; 17.5 marks)
  
4. Discuss with close reference to the performance of oral texts chosen from two different genres of African oral literature the nature of the interaction between the stage and the audience in African oral literature.  
(45mins; 17.5 marks)
  
5. Identify and discuss any **seven features** which qualify African oral genres as literature.  
(45mins; 17.5 marks)