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TITLE OF PAPER: TRADITIONAL/ORAL LITERATURE 11

COURSE CODE :   AL 315 / IDE-AL 315

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INSTRUCTIONS: 1. ANSWER <u>THREE</u> QUESTIONS, CHOOSING

AT LEAST ONE (1) FROM EACH SECTION

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<u>SECTION A</u>: NATURE OF FOLKTALES AND THEORIES OF ORAL LITERATURE

1. A). Discuss the different definitions of folktales. (10 marks)
   B). How can you differentiate folktales from other forms of oral narrative? (10 marks)

2. Why do you think folktales are described as products of creative imagination? Use relevant textual materials to support your answer. (20 marks)

3. Distinguish between the ethnological, taxonomist and cognitionist traditions of oral narratives. (20 marks)

<u>SECTION B</u>: PROVERBS AND RIDDLES

5 A). Why are proverbs considered as the verbal play of the elders? (5 marks).

B). Discuss with particular examples, the importance of proverbs as carriers of Swazi people's wisdom and culture (15 marks).

6. With relevant examples drawn from the Swazi society, discuss the assertion that "riddles are coined by elders but are aimed at a youthful audience" (20 marks).

7. With relevant examples drawn from the Swazi society, comment on the following categories of riddles:

   a). Socio-political riddles (5 marks)

   b). Riddles that deal with nature (5 marks)

   c). Riddles that deal with domestic activities (5marks)

   d). Riddles that deal with science and logic (5 marks)