



THE UNIVERSITY OF THE WEST INDIES

Semester I Semester II Supplemental/Summer School

Examinations of December /April/May /July 2013

Originating Campus: Cave Hill Mona St. Augustine

Mode: On Campus By Distance

Course Code and Title: **LIBS3901 – ACCESS TO INFORMATION IN THE CARIBBEAN**

Date: **Thursday, December 19, 2013** Time: **9:00 – 11:00 a.m.**

Duration: **2 Hours** Paper No:

Materials required:

Answer booklet: Normal Special Not required

Calculator: Programmable Non Programmable
(where applicable)

Multiple Choice answer sheets: numerical alphabetical 1-20 1-100

Auxiliary/Other material(s) – Please specify:

Candidates are permitted to bring the following items to their desks:

Instructions to Candidates: This paper has 2 pages & 6 questions.

Candidates are reminded that the examiners shall take into account the proper use of the English Language in determining the mark for each response.

STUDENTS ARE REQUIRED TO ANSWER THREE (3) QUESTIONS.

EACH QUESTION IS MARKED OUT OF 20.

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1. As Director of the Junior Section of The Carleton Public Library, you are considering installing filtering software on the library's computers.
 - a) Discuss the rationale for filtering the Internet;
 - b) Identify the pros and cons of the filtering techniques which you are considering;
 - c) Explain the concepts which you would include in the library's Internet Use Policy.

2. Discuss with examples the presence of Caribbean government services on the World Wide Web, and the portals or gateway sites which have been developed. Outline ways in which Caribbean librarians can collaborate with government organizations to maximize the value of these services.

3. Outline the practical issues involved in the implementation of usability testing, and explain the value and limitations of this research methodology. Identify the possible inputs from usability testing to the design and development of library websites.

4. Discuss the implementation of the Access to Information / Freedom of Information legislation in the countries of the Caribbean, and current and possible future roles for librarians in facilitating access to government information.

5. Identify and discuss features of e-journals, including open access journals. Compare the features identified above with those of print journals. Support your statements by examples from Caribbean libraries or other information sources.

6. What has liberalization of the Caribbean telecommunications sector meant to the "average citizen's" access to communication facilities? Discuss the broadband options available in Caribbean countries and the factors which librarians and users should take into consideration in selecting from among those options to access information and to deliver information services.

END OF EXAMINATION

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