



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: **APRIL 29, 2013**

Time: **1:00 – 3:00 P.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.

YOU ARE REQUIRED TO ANSWER THREE (3) QUESTIONS.

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1. Discuss the roles of libraries and librarians in employing the Internet to provide access to information and to deliver services. Comment on the state of Internet penetration in the Caribbean.
2. Usability testing of library websites can provide important inputs to the design and development of these sites. Discuss with examples, the scope of this research methodology and the practical issues involved in its implementation.
3. Discuss with examples the gateway sites **OR** portals which facilitate access to Caribbean government information and services on the World Wide Web. Identify ways in which Caribbean librarians can collaborate with government organizations to maximize the value of these services.
4. Identify the broadband options available in Caribbean countries and the factors which a librarian should take into consideration in selecting among these options.
5. Discuss with examples the factors influencing access to information in journal articles as impacted by the features of print and electronic journals, databases of electronic journals and open access journals.

6. ANSWER EITHER QUESTION 6a or 6b

- a) Discuss the online availability and accessibility of the legislation of **THREE (3)** Caribbean countries and support your statements with examples from the laws and subsidiary legislation of one of the three countries.

OR

- b) Explain the relationship between copyright legislation in the Caribbean and the accessibility of published works. Comment on the development of reproduction rights organizations in the Caribbean and their role in facilitating access to published works.

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