



**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: **LIBS6103 - MANAGEMENT OF SPECIAL LIBRARIES & INFORMATION CENTRES**

Date: **May 13, 2013**

Time: **2:00 – 5:00 pm**

Duration: **3 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:

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

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**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.

**ANSWER THREE (3) QUESTIONS.**

**EACH QUESTION CARRIES EQUAL MARKS.**

1. Discuss the factors that distinguish a special library as “special”. Describe **THREE (3)** challenges experienced by a special library and how these can be minimized?
2. You have been invited for an interview for the position as Special Librarian in an organization. Having regard to the professional & personal competencies a special librarian should have, outline to the Interview Panel how you would add value to the organization if hired.
3. As a special librarian, discuss why there is a need to convince management of the value of the library to the organization. Discuss some of the strategies you would adopt to convince management of the value of the library to the organization.
4. You’ve been hired as a consultant for a special library that would like to improve knowledge management in all key areas of its services. In this regard discuss **(a)** the skills needed, **(b)** practical knowledge management activities that could be implemented and **(c)** the prerequisites for successful implementation.
5. Discuss **THREE (3)** areas of cooperation for Caribbean Special Librarians. Describe an example of cooperation amongst Jamaican special librarians making sure to include a discussion on the strengths and weaknesses of such an initiative.
6. Discuss **FOUR (4)** trends in today’s special library environment and their implications for Caribbean Special Libraries.

**END OF PAPER**