



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: **LIBS6304 – INFORMATION RESOURCES IN THE SOCIAL SCIENCES**

Date: **May 6, 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:

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.

ANSWER ANY THREE (3) OF THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS.

EACH QUESTION CARRIES EQUAL MARKS.

1. Outline the process of scholarly communication among social scientists. Discuss **FOUR (4)** of the major problems with recommendations to address these issues.
2. Access to and dissemination of government information remains a challenge in the English-speaking Caribbean. Comment on **FIVE (5)** challenges which affect access and discuss initiatives to improve the situation.
3. Describe the information-seeking behaviour of social scientists. As information provider attached to a university social science faculty, what services, facilities and tools should be developed in order to successfully address these needs?
4. "Abstracting and indexing tools and services play a pivotal role in the dissemination of information in the social sciences". Discuss the challenges which arise for Caribbean librarians in offering these services, and suggest strategies for overcoming them.
5. Outline the major themes and recommendations presented in the Gulbenkian Commission Report (1996) on the Social Sciences. Discuss the importance of the Report to the social science librarian.
6. "International data from the intergovernmental organizations are produced with the best available expertise. But their quality is best defined in terms of compromise – not total accuracy" (Romero). Discuss some of the major factors that contribute to the compromise on accuracy.

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