THE UNIVERSITY OF THE WEST INDIES

EXAMINATION OF   APRIL/MAY   2006

Code and Name of Course: *LS62B – CATALOGUE CREATION AND USE*

Paper:

Date and Time: **Thursday, May 11, 2006: 1:00 – 4:00 p.m.**   Duration: 3 hrs.

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES: This paper has   2   page(s) and   6   questions

ANSWER THREE QUESTIONS. EACH QUESTION CARRIES EQUAL MARKS.

All answers should include examples where appropriate.

1. Describe the conditions affecting choice of main and added entries. Discuss their significance in both the card and electronic catalogue.

2. This questions has **TWO (2)** parts. **Both parts must be attempted.**

(a) Describe the concept of authority control in bibliographic description, then discuss the value of authority files in information storage and retrieval.

(b) Describe the steps involved in creating an authority file.

3. Both the MARC record format and metadata schemes such as the Dublin Core Metadata Element Set are sometimes referred to as metadata. Discuss the similarities and differences between the two with respect to purpose and structure.

4. As the chief librarian in an academic library, justify to your Manager the need to subscribe to the cataloguing support services of a Bibliographic Utility. Use examples to support your recommendations.

5. Write brief notes on **ALL** of the following. Each topic carries equal marks:

   - CIP
   - Cross references
   - Mixed responsibility
   - Serials

6. Describe the steps in establishing bibliographic headings for a library catalogue indicating the principles and conditions underlying them. Indicate the significance of this activity with respect to the measures for evaluating an information retrieval system.

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