



THE UNIVERSITY OF THE WEST INDIES

Semester I Semester II Supplemental/Summer School

Examinations of December /April/May /July 2017

Originating Campus: Cave Hill Mona St. Augustine

Course Code and Title: **LIBS6901 – TRENDS AND ISSUES IN LIBRARY AND INFORMATION WORK**

Date:

Time:

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 ONE (1) QUESTION FROM SECTION A AND TWO (2) QUESTIONS FROM SECTION B.

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SECTION A: DO ONE (1) QUESTION. (20 MARKS EACH)

1. Imagine that your organization decided to abandon its physical library and set up a digital library. You are asked to present to the committee regarding the feasibility of such a venture.
 - a. Outline **TWO** (2) advantages and **TWO** (2) challenges you envision if this proposal is implemented.
 - b. Suggest an alternative that the committee can consider. Justify your suggestion.

2. Imagine that your colleague was successful in obtaining a job in a new institution, and is responsible for setting up its information unit. His/Her first task is to write a collection development policy. He/She has sought your advice on how to proceed.
 - a. Explain the importance of a collection development policy.
 - b. Describe **FOUR** (4) trends in collection management that she/he needs to be aware of, and justify why these trends need to be given consideration.

SECTION B: DO TWO (2) QUESTIONS. (15 MARKS EACH)

3. a. Discuss **THREE** (3) ways library education programmes in the region have changed in order to better prepare students to meet the demands of the current information environment.
b. Evaluate the effectiveness of these changes.

4. a. Discuss **THREE** (3) ways libraries have been using technology to improve technical services.
b. Explain **ONE** (1) advantage of the use of technology in technical services departments of Caribbean libraries.

5. a. Discuss **THREE** (3) international trends in client services.
b. How has any **ONE** (1) of these trends impacted the provision of service to clients in your library or information unit?

6. a. Discuss **THREE** (3) trends in school libraries internationally.
b. Present **ONE** (1) solution to a challenge that school libraries in your country experience in an attempt to implement these trends.

END OF EXAMINATION

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