THE UNIVERSITY OF THE WEST INDIES

Semester I □ Semester II □ Supplemental/Summer School □

Examinations of December □ /April/May □ /July □ 2012

Originating Campus: Cave Hill □ Mona ☒ St. Augustine □

Mode: On Campus ☒ By Distance □

Course Code and Title: LIBS1001 - INFORMATION & SOCIETY

Date: Tuesday, December 18, 2012          Time: 9:00 – 11:00 a.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 7 pages & 19 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 ALL QUESTIONS.
TOTAL 60% OF THE FINAL MARKS FOR THE COURSE
1. Define the term “Information”. (2 marks)

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2. Explain the term “Information Society”. (2 marks)

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3(a) What is it to “Communicate”? (2 marks)

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3(b) Briefly explain the following communication concepts: (4 marks)

a. Source

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b. Noise

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c. Decoder

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d. Channel

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4(a) List **THREE (3)** examples of non-print information products. (3 marks)

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4(b) Explain how a librarian could make use of **ONE (1)** of the non-print information products mentioned above. (2 marks)

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5(a) Draw a labeled diagram of the Knowledge Pyramid. (5 marks)
5(b) Briefly explain any **TWO (2)** components of the Knowledge Pyramid. (2 marks)

6(a) Name **TWO (2)** components of any system. (2 marks)

6(b) In viewing the library as an information system, give **ONE (1)** example of each of the components identified above. (2 marks)

7. What were the major types of records collected in the Ancient world? (2 marks)

8(a) Identify **THREE (3)** benchmark developments in the preservation of knowledge. (3 marks)
8(b) Briefly say why any ONE (1) of the selections above is a benchmark development. (2 marks)

9. Name TWO (2) important types of libraries of the Medieval period. (2 marks)

10. Name TWO (2) areas usually included in national information policies. (2 marks)

11. What role does the library play in the information transfer process? (2 marks)

12. Identify TWO (2) components of the book industry and comment briefly on the role of each. (4 marks)
13. Briefly explain the following: (3 marks)
   Online vendors:

   Information brokers:

14. Distinguish between primary and secondary publications. (2 marks)

15. Identify TWO (2) functions of the library catalogue. (2 marks)

16(a) What does NATIS mean? (1 mark)

16(b) What is the objective of NATIS? (2 marks)
17(a) In the library context, what are public services? (1 mark)


17(b) Give TWO (2) examples of public services in libraries. (2 marks)


18. Name TWO (2) activities in the area of acquisitions. (2 marks)


19. Comment briefly on how information technology has affected ONE (1) area of the library’s activities. (2 marks)


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