



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)

2. Explain the term "Information Society". (2 marks)

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

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

a. Source

b. Noise

c. Decoder

d. Channel

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

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

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)

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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)

END OF PAPER