



THE UNIVERSITY OF THE WEST INDIES

Semester I Semester II Supplemental/Summer School

Examinations of December /April/May /July 2011

Originating Campus: Cave Hill Mona St. Augustine

Mode: On Campus By Distance

Course Code and Title: **LIBS3901 – ACCESS TO INFORMATION IN THE CARIBBEAN**

Date: December 16, 2011

Time: 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.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 2 pages & 6 questions.

ANSWER THREE (3) QUESTIONS. THE QUESTIONS CARRY EQUAL MARKS.

Candidates are reminded that the examiners shall take into account the proper use of the English Language in determining the mark for each response.

1. Discuss with examples the ways in which Caribbean libraries and librarians are taking advantage of the Internet to provide access to information and to deliver services to users.
2. As e-government services and products increase, they offer potential sources of information for the “average citizen”. Discuss with examples the presence of Caribbean government services on the World Wide Web, and ways in which Caribbean libraries can collaborate with government organizations to maximize the value of these services.
3. Testing the usability of library websites can provide important inputs to the design and development of library services. Discuss this research methodology and the practical issues involved in its implementation.
4. Use of broadband Internet technologies can enable libraries to provide a greater range of information services. Discuss the broadband options available in Caribbean countries and the factors which a librarian should take into consideration in selecting among the broadband options available.
5. Discuss the implementation of the Access to Information / Freedom of Information legislation in countries of the Caribbean, and current and possible future roles of libraries and librarians in facilitating access to government information.
6. Journal articles are available through print journals, databases of electronic journals, and open access journals. Discuss with examples the factors influencing access to information in journal articles as impacted by these three formats.

END OF QUESTION PAPER