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**THE UNIVERSITY OF THE WEST INDIES**

Semester I  Semester II  Supplemental/Summer School

**Examinations of December  /April/May  /July  2015**

Originating Campus: Cave Hill  Mona  St. Augustine

Mode: On Campus  By Distance

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:

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**Candidates are permitted to bring the following items to their desks:**

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**Instructions to Candidates: This paper has 2 pages & 5 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 QUESTION FROM EACH SECTION.  
QUESTION 1 IS WORTH 20 MARKS, ALL OTHER QUESTIONS ARE  
WORTH 15 MARKS EACH.**

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**SECTION A – (20 marks)**

**Question 1**

"Developments in Information and Telecommunications Technologies (ICTs) have significantly affected library services in the modern information environment." Elaborate on the above statement and suggest strategies for dealing with the following-:

**EITHER**

(1a) **FIVE (5)** Potential or existing Digital Divide Challenges in Caribbean Libraries

**OR**

(1b) **FIVE (5)** Required Core competencies (Knowledge and Skills) for Caribbean Librarians in the 21st Century

**SECTION B - (15 marks each)**

**Question 2**

Issues relating to the digitization of Information Resources may be categorized into the following three groups (**Creation, Access or Other Issues**). Identify and elaborate on **ONE (1)** issue from **EACH** group and discuss strategies which may be employed in dealing with each issue identified.

**Question 3**

In the modern information environment, issues relating to the development of digital collections have surfaced. Discuss **THREE (3)** challenges likely to be faced by Caribbean Librarians who wish to develop "in house digital collections" and suggest strategies for addressing these challenges.

**SECTION C - (15 marks each)**

**Question 4**

**In a type of Library of your choice** identify **ONE (1)** activity from each of the following areas: **CLIENT SERVICES and TECHNICAL SERVICES**. Elaborate on ways in which the application of information technology has improved service delivery or operations.

**Question 5**

Comment on the emergence and role of **TWO (2)** of the following in modern library environments:

- (a) Institutional Repositories
- (b) Integrated Library Management Systems
- (c) Information/Learning Commons
- (d) Metadata Creation and harvesting

**END OF EXAMINATION**

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