



THE UNIVERSITY OF THE WEST INDIES

Semester I Semester II Supplemental/Summer School

Examinations of December /April/May /July 2016

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:

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

Instructions to Candidates: This paper has 2 pages & 7 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.

DO THREE (3) QUESTIONS.

THERE ARE TWO (2) SECTIONS; DO 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. Discuss **FOUR (4)** ways technology has impacted libraries or librarianship. Present **TWO (2)** challenges that arise from these impacts and explain with examples how libraries in your country have sought to cope with these challenges.
2. Discuss the **FOUR (4)** essential elements of Library 2.0 as advocated by Maness (2006). Discuss **TWO (2)** factors that Caribbean librarians must consider when implementing new technology such as those made possible by Library 2.0.
3. Discuss **FOUR (4)** considerations or issues that are associated with the development of digital collections. Select **TWO (2)** of these considerations or issues and explain how your library or information unit could address these.

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

4. Present **THREE (3)** issues involved in maintaining access to e-publications in digital collections or hybrid libraries. As a librarian or information professional, explain **TWO (2)** factors you would need to keep in mind if you are setting up a digital collection.
5. Discuss **THREE (3)** types of services that Caribbean libraries or information units can offer to online users. Identify **TWO (2)** challenges that might arise in offering these services and explain how they can be reduced.
6. The head of the organization in which you work is not convinced that the amount of money invested in acquiring e-serials for the collection is a worthwhile investment. Discuss **THREE (3)** reasons e-serials should be available to the clientele and describe **TWO (2)** ways you could promote the collection to improve use.
7. Discuss **THREE (3)** issues in cataloguing web resources. Describe **TWO (2)** ways in which the library community has attempted to resolve these issues.

END OF EXAMINATION

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