



THE UNIVERSITY OF THE WEST INDIES

Semester I Semester II Supplemental/Summer School

Examinations of December /April/May /July 2017

Originating Campus: Cave Hill Mona St. Augustine

Course Code and Title: **LIBS6301 – BIBLIOGRAPHY AND REFERENCE METHODS AND MATERIALS**

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 & 6 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.

AT LEAST ONE (1) QUESTION MUST BE DONE FROM EACH SECTION.

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SECTION A: BIBLIOGRAPHY METHODS AND MATERIALS

- 1. a. Discuss the importance of the national bibliography to bibliographic control in the current information-rich environment.
b. Explain the role of the national bibliographic agency in your country.
- 2. a. Describe **TWO (2)** access tools and explain their role in providing access to information.
b. Which tool do you think is more useful? Justify your answer.
- 3. “Bibliographic standards provide the foundations for successful resource sharing.”
a. Discuss the **FOUR (4)** objectives of bibliographic standards.
b. Explain, using examples, how these facilitate resource sharing in the library environment.

SECTION B: REFERENCE METHODS AND MATERIALS

- 4. a. Outline a model of the reference process.
b. Explain what happens at each stage in the process, and tell why each stage is important to the overall process.
- 5. a. Outline the steps involved in setting up a virtual reference service as advocated by Reference and User Services Association (RUSA 2017).
b. Discuss **ONE (1)** advantage and **ONE (1)** challenge that could result for establishment of such a service in an information unit of your choice.
- 6. Dictionaries and Encyclopedias are important resources in a reference collection.
a. Discuss the similarities and differences between these two reference resources.
b. Explain the role of the encyclopedia in the reference collection.

END OF EXAMINATION

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