



**THE UNIVERSITY OF THE WEST INDIES**

Semester I  Semester II  Supplemental/Summer School

**Examinations of December  /April/May  /July  2018**

Originating Campus: **Cave Hill**  **Mona**  **St. Augustine**

Course Code and Title: **LIBS6503 – DIGITAL LIBRARIES**

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.**

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**THIS PAPER VALUES 50 MARKS AND THE QUESTIONS SHOULD BE ANSWERED AS A SHORT ESSAY. YOU ARE REQUIRED TO ANSWER THREE (3) QUESTIONS. QUESTION ONE (1) IS COMPULSORY AND YOU MAY SELECT ANY OTHER TWO (2) QUESTIONS.**

1. The Head of Systems at your library was scheduled to present to the Board on the benefits of digitisation and indicate the reason the library should consider embarking on a Digital Library project. You have been informed that unfortunately he will be out of the country on that date and have been asked to develop and deliver the presentation on his behalf. In your deliberations you will be required to answer the following questions:
  - a. Describe **THREE (3)** Digital Library Management Systems. **(3 marks)**
  - b. Identify **THREE (3)** functionalities of a Digital Library. **(6 marks)**
  - c. Comment on any **THREE (3)** components of a Digital Library. **(3 marks)**
  - d. Expand on any **FOUR (4)** benefits of implementing a digital library. **(8 marks)**
  
2.
  - a. Discuss **TWO (2)** implications of building a **Digital Library** without also developing a **Collection Development Policy** and;
  - b. Elaborate on any **THREE (3)** elements of a **Collection Development Policy**. **(15 marks)**
  
3.
  - a. Provide **FIVE (5)** reasons defending the viewpoint that weeding is still necessary even within the context of a Digital Library. **(10 marks)**
  - b. *“Digital files are themselves vulnerable to obsolescence.”* Identify **TWO (2)** strategies for overcoming this problem. **(5 marks)**
  
4.
  - a. Demonstrate your understanding of the **Collection Development** process by expanding on any **FIVE (5)** tasks that a **Collection Developer** has to perform. **(10 marks)**
  - b. Identify **FIVE (5)** considerations for your users when developing a Digital Library. **(5 marks)**
  
5. Support the viewpoint that **copyright** is a major issue in developing and creating Digital Libraries and provide **FIVE (5)** reasons for your answer. **(15 marks)**

**END OF PAPER**

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