



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: **LIBS6901 – TRENDS AND ISSUES IN THE LIBRARY AND INFORMATION ENVIRONMENT**

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.

**ANSWER 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. Recently the Mayor of Montego Bay in Jamaica proposed that the parish library should be demolished and “a multistorey judiciary complex” should be built at the location. He asked the following questions as reported by The Gleaner, “Couldn’t we move the library? Couldn’t we get rid of the library, couldn’t we block that driveway? Couldn’t we demolish everything there and make one big justice centre right there?” The mayor also suggested that the library could be placed at the top of the complex.
 - a. Discuss **TWO (2)** advantages and **TWO (2)** challenges you envision if this proposal is implemented.
 - b. Suggest the alternative that the planning committee can consider. Justify your suggestion.
2. Imagine that your colleague has been successful in obtaining a job in a new institution, and is responsible for setting up its information unit. She/He has sought your advice on how to proceed.
 - a. Explain the importance of having knowledge of the trends in the information environment before attempting to set up the information unit.
 - b. Describe **FOUR (4)** trends in collection management that she/he needs to be aware of, and justify why these trends need to be given consideration.

SECTION B: ANSWER TWO (2) QUESTIONS (15 marks each)

3. The education provided to library and information professionals in the Caribbean is adequate in equipping them to deal with the changes in the information environment.

Present **THREE (3)** points either supporting or opposing this statement. Use examples to enrich your argument.
4. a. Outline **THREE (3)** issues related to the use of information within the Caribbean.
b. Explain how stakeholders in your territory have sought to deal with **ONE (1)** issue and evaluate the success of their efforts.
5. a. Access to information is becoming an expectation in the information society. Outline **THREE (3)** issues related to providing access.
b. Which of the above issue do you think is most critical for the information professional? Justify your response.
6. a. Discuss **THREE (3)** international trends in client services that are a direct result of the impact of technology on the information environment.
b. Explain how your information unit has sought to incorporate one of these trends into its daily operations.

END OF EXAMINATION

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