Course Code and Title: **LIBS6901 – Trends & 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 & 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 - ONE (1) FROM SECTION A AND

TWO (2) FROM SECTION B.

PART A - DO ONE (1) QUESTION FROM THIS SECTION (20 MARKS EACH).

1a.   Discuss **FOUR (4)** considerations that must be given attention before the implementation of any trend in an information centre of your choice.

b.   Explain why **TWO (2)** of these are important, and the potential fallout from not giving them due consideration.

2a.   Discuss **FOUR (4)** ways technology has impacted information services in the Caribbean.

b.   Identify **TWO (2)** challenges experienced by information agencies with regards to technology implementation and use.

c.   Describe **ONE (1)** strategy that you would implement to alleviate one of the challenges presented in 2b.

PART B – DO TWO (2) QUESTIONS FROM THIS SECTION (15 marks each)

3a.   Examine **THREE (3)** effects of the Covid-19 pandemic on information services in any type of information agency in the Caribbean.

b.   Evaluate the effectiveness of the institution's response to these impacts.

4a.   Discuss **THREE (3)** ways library and information education has been responsive to the trends in information creation, organisation, storage and dissemination in the Caribbean.

b.   Examine **TWO (2)** ways LIS education in the Caribbean differs from what is offered internationally.

5a.   Discuss **THREE (3)** information issues that a library of your choice is likely to have to deal with.

b.   Propose solutions to **TWO (2)** of these issues.

6.   Your organisation received funds and is considering converting the traditional library to include more technology. The managers are contemplating whether to implement a hybrid library or a digital library.

a.   Select the library that you think is best suited for the organisation and explain **THREE (3)** advantages to this choice.

b.   Discuss **TWO (2)** issues that the organisation will need to consider prior to its implementation.

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