



THE UNIVERSITY OF THE WEST INDIES

Semester I Semester II Supplemental/Summer School

Examinations of December /April/May /July 2022

Originating Campus: Cave Hill Mona St. Augustine

Mode: On Campus By Distance

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.**

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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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