



**THE UNIVERSITY OF THE WEST INDIES**

Semester I  Semester II  Supplemental/Summer School

**Examinations of December**  /April/May  /July  2009

Originating Campus: Cave Hill  Mona  St. Augustine

Mode: On Campus  By Distance

Course Code and Title: **LIBS3901 - ACCESS TO INFORMATION IN THE CARIBBEAN**

Date: Time: Friday December 18, 2009 9:00- 11:00am

Duration: **2 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 & 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 THREE (3) QUESTIONS. THE QUESTIONS CARRY EQUAL MARKS.**

1. Identify and discuss the factors which influence usability of websites. Illustrate your answer by drawing on your experience in using some Caribbean websites.
2. Discuss with examples the ways in which librarians in the Caribbean are taking advantage of the Internet to provide information services to their clients.

3. Discuss the various forms of open access and give examples of sources which you would use as a librarian to make Caribbean research in open access journals available to your user community.
4. Discuss the ways in which Caribbean governments are expanding their delivery of information services and are providing opportunities for the “average citizen” to be able to access government information. How can Caribbean public and special libraries collaborate further with governments to reach users who need this information?
5. Identify the reasons why filtering of the Internet is becoming increasingly important to parents, teachers, librarians and employers. Discuss the measures which are being used to control access to the Internet.
6. Discuss the availability and accessibility of Caribbean legislation, including constitutions, bills, judgments, laws and subsidiary legislation. Indicate how libraries can make this legislation accessible to the various user communities.

**END OF PAPER**