



## THE UNIVERSITY OF THE WEST INDIES

Semester I  Semester II  Supplemental/Summer School

**Examinations of December**  /April/May  /July  2010

Originating Campus: Cave Hill  Mona  St. Augustine

Mode: On Campus  By Distance

Course Code and Title: LIBS3901 Access to Information in the Caribbean

Date: Friday December 17, 2010 Time: 9:00 – 11:00 am

Duration:

2 Hours

Paper No:

Materials required:

Answer booklet: Normal  Special  Not required

Calculator: Programmable  Non Programmable   
(where applicable)

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### **Instructions to Candidates: This paper has pages 2 & 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 (3) THREE QUESTIONS. THE QUESTIONS CARRY EQUAL MARKS.**

1. Explain the rationale for filtering the Internet and evaluate the options available to libraries and organizations in the Caribbean for filtering access to information via the Internet.
2. Discuss the objectives of e-government portals / gateway websites and assess with examples their applicability and value to the "average Caribbean citizen".
3. State the roles of institutional repositories and the stage of their development in Caribbean universities. You should give examples from repositories / databases with which you are familiar.

4. Identify and discuss criteria which you would use for evaluating the accessibility of the content of electronic journals. Give examples from databases of e-journals provided by Caribbean libraries.
  5. How have Caribbean governments advanced in the implementation of the Access to Information / Freedom of Information legislation? Comment on the current and potential roles of libraries and librarians in the implementation.
  6. Assess with examples, the factors influencing access to information by visually impaired and blind people and identify the implications for new roles for libraries and librarians.
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