



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: **LIBS6001 - FOUNDATIONS OF LIBRARY AND INFORMATION STUDIES**

Date: Time: **Monday December 7, 2009** 2:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

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 THREE (3) QUESTIONS.

1. Explain Mason's concept of the role of the information professional then discuss how librarians can fulfill this role.
2. Define the concept "information literacy" and provide **FOUR (4)** reasons for the emergence of this concept. Give details of how academic libraries in the Caribbean are helping their users to become information literate.

3. Discuss **FOUR (4)** of the factors that militate against Caribbean publishers and explain how these can affect libraries in the Caribbean.
4. What are **FIVE (5)** barriers that users of libraries are likely to encounter in gaining access to information and how can the library seek to minimize these?
5. Information Units have been developed to provide services for different types of people. Identify **TWO (2)** types of information units and their clientele. Explain **THREE (3)** of the major services that they have been providing.
6. Justify the need for a National Information Policy and identify and discuss **FOUR (4)** areas that the policy should cover.

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