



**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: **LIBS6002 – INFORMATION, COMMUNICATION & SOCIETY**

Date: Time: **Thursday December 17, 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:

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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 & 9 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 ONE (1) QUESTION EACH FROM SECTIONS A, B AND C. EACH QUESTION - 20 MARKS.**

**SECTION A**

1. There are varying views on whether development of information and communication technology sectors offers developing countries the best prospects for sustainable development. With reference to the value of information, identify and discuss two of these divergent perspectives.

2. Characterize the prevailing ICT paradigm and briefly discuss the impact of ICTs on three (3) of the following areas in Caribbean Region.
  - a. Communication behavior
  - b. Librarianship
  - c. Governance
  - d. Media and culture
  - e. Information management
  
3. Comment on the impact that ICTs have had on classical models of communication. Make reference to four (4) elements of the communication environment to substantiate your observations.

### **SECTION B**

4. Assess the extent to which Jamaica's National Information System reflects performance on the following indicators for the Networked Readiness Index: (a) *Government Prioritization of ICT* and (b) *Government Procurement of Advanced Technology Products*. Provide examples from the library and documentation services to ground your arguments.
  
5. On a scale of zero (0) to ten (10), with ten (10) being the highest, how would you rate the provisions in Jamaica's 2030 Development Plan for enhancing a beneficial relationship between information, communication and society? Explain the rating that you give.
  
6. What are the three (3) main developments that defined the transition to the post-1995 period in the global information and communication economy? Explain the impact of each on the provision of information and communication services globally.

### **SECTION C**

7. Briefly explain your view on how countries in Latin America and the Caribbean should approach development of the following areas
  - o The ICT infrastructure
  - o Production of ICT goods and services;
  - o Use of advanced ICT applications
  - o ICT skills in the population
  
8. Identify a policy issue in information management at an organizational level and formulate a policy proposal to address this issue.
  
9. Discuss the extent to which the experience of any one (1) non-Caribbean region or country may provide an example for how the Caribbean could address its main challenges relating to deployment, access, and use of ICT's.

**END OF PAPER**