



**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: LIBS 6002 Information, Communication and Society**

Date: Time: **Friday December 17, 2010**

**9:00 a.m. - 12.00 noon**

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 pages & 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 Question 1 and any TWO (2) other questions. Each question = 20 marks**

1. Discuss the impact of information and communication technologies (ICTs) on each of the following areas for development objectives in Caribbean societies:

- a. Information and documentation services
- b. Governance
- c. Media and culture
- d. Agriculture OR Education OR Business

2. Identify **THREE (3)** elements of the communication environment that have changed as a result of developments in ICTs and explain your view on how these changes have affected the sender/receiver model of the communication process.
  
3. Discuss the role of Jamaica's National Information System in enhancing the relationship among information, communication and society. Offer **TWO (2)** examples of how this role could be further developed to contribute to promotion of the value of information in the society.
  
4. Contrast the treatment of the information and communication sectors in the national development plans of **TWO (2)** Caribbean countries of your choice. Provide examples from the respective plans to ground your arguments.
  
5. Identify the main features that define the post-1995 global information and communication economy and discuss the current level of performance of developing countries in this economy.
  
6. Identify a policy issue in information management at an organizational level and make policy recommendations for how it is to be addressed within the organization and in the interest of the wider society.

**END OF QUESTION PAPER**