

THE UNIVERSITY OF THE WEST INDIES

Semester I Semester II Supplemental/Summer School

Examinations of December /April/May /July 2011

Originating Campus: Cave Hill Mona St. Augustine

Mode: On Campus By Distance

Course Code and Title: **LIBS6002 – INFORMATION, COMMUNICATION AND SOCIETY**

Date: December 21, 2011 Time: 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 two (2) pages & six (6) questions.

YOU ARE REQUIRED TO ANSWER THREE (3) 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.

- b. Libraries and documentation services
 - c. Governance
 - d. Media and culture
 - e. Provision of social services
 - f. Two sectors in the real economy - e.g. business and financial services; e-commerce; retail and distribution; productive sectors; tourism, etc.
2. Would you agree that the changes brought by technological developments to the communication environment have had little impact on classical models of communication? Make an argument to support your view on this issue.
 3. Gover and Bjorn-Soren (2006) identify 'Information Poverty' as an expression of the digital divide in Latin America and Caribbean. Discuss how this type of poverty can be measured and propose recommendations to address it.
 4. Explain your understanding of the 'western modernity' and the 'human development' perspectives on development. Evaluate the extent to which these are evident in the 2010 CARICOM Draft Regional ICT policy.
 5. Compare and contrast the information and communication technology policies and related sector plans in TWO (2) Caribbean countries of your choice.

OR

Discuss the performance of TWO (2) Caribbean countries of your choice based on their ranking on the 2010 Networked Readiness Index. Make reference to the respective ICT policies and/or plans in your discussion.

6. Information and communication policy should observe "... eight interrelated principles that need to be taken into consideration if ICT4D initiatives are to be successful" (Unwin, 2009). Select any TWO (2) ^{principles} and discuss their significance for ensuring successful implementation of these initiatives in a national **OR** institutional context.

END OF QUESTION PAPER