



**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: **LIBS6301 – BIBLIOGRAPHY AND REFERENCE METHODS AND MATERIALS**

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:

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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 & 6 questions.**

**ANSWER THREE (3) QUESTIONS. EACH QUESTION CARRIES EQUAL MARKS.**

Candidates are reminded that the examiners shall take into account the proper use of the English Language in determining the mark for each response.

1. What is the role of national bibliography? Identify and comment on **FOUR (4)** factors that support and contribute to effective national bibliography.
2. Why is the encyclopedia a valuable reference source? Explain **FOUR (4)** criteria that you would use when selecting (i) a print **AND** (ii) an online encyclopedia for users.
3. Bibliographic standards have benefitted many areas of information retrieval. Elaborate on the standards that have been developed for the bibliographic description of the catalogue entry and any **ONE (1)** other area of information retrieval.
4. Distinguish between the **TWO (2)** major policies related to Internet access services in the library. Identify and comment on **FOUR (4)** areas usually addressed by each of these policies in order to show their importance.
5. The development of bibliographic control tools covering Caribbean-related information is gradually improving access to this type of information. Identify and comment on **FOUR (4)** of these tools.
6. What are the major categories of digital reference? Give examples within each category and discuss the pros and cons of each.

**END OF QUESTION PAPER**