



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: **LIBS6901: TRENDS AND ISSUES IN LIBRARY & INFORMATION WORK**

Date: December 15, 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 2 pages & 6 questions.

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

ANSWER ONE EACH FROM SECTIONS A, B AND C.

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

SECTION (A) GENERAL

Question 1

Explain the origin of the Library 2.0 concept and describe the ways in which it has impacted on library work.

Question 2

Identify **FIVE (5)** Characteristics of "An Information Society" and discuss these characteristics in relation to a Caribbean country of your choice.

SECTION (B) ISSUES

Question 3

Identify and elaborate on a non-financial issue faced by Caribbean Librarians, and suggest ways by which this issue could be addressed.

Question 4

Issues influenced by the digitization of information resources in modern libraries are sometimes classified as '**digitisation access issues**' or '**digitisation creation issues.**' Select and elaborate on **ONE (1)** issue of your choice and suggest strategies for addressing the challenges posed by this issue.

SECTION (C) TRENDS

If you have attempted Question 1 in Section A, DO NOT choose Library 2.0 related activities as an aspect of Client Services for Question 6

Question 5

Give **THREE (3)** reasons for the development of metadata work (as different from traditional cataloguing) in libraries and name **TWO (2)** resource description systems developed by the profession in response to increased metadata use. Identify and comment on **FIVE (5)** features of **ONE (1)** such resource description system.

Question 6

The convergence of information and Telecommunications Technologies (ICTs) has made a significant impact on the delivery of Client Services in Libraries. Identify and elaborate on **TWO (2)** such areas with which you are familiar.

END OF QUESTION PAPER