# THE UNIVERSITY OF THE WEST INDIES

Semester I ☒  Semester II ☐  Supplemental/Summer School ☐

**Examinations of December** ☒ **/April/May** ☐ **/July** ☐ **2008**

Originating Campus: **Cave Hill** ☐ **Mona** ☒ **St. Augustine** ☐

Mode: **On Campus** ☒ **By Distance** ☐

Course Code and Title: **LIBS6901 – Trends and Issues in Library and Information Work**

Date: Time: **Tuesday, December 16, 2008    2:00pm-5:00pm**

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.

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

**Answer THREE (3) questions. Each question carries equal marks. Answer ONE (1) each from Sections A, B and C.**

### SECTION (A) GENERAL

1.   Recent advertisements for library and information professionals indicate a variety of new job titles with associated knowledge and skills requirements. Comment on and justify your selection of **TWO (2)** education/training courses that you consider essential to enable effective performance by librarians in the modern library environment.

2.   Outline your understanding of the concept "Information Society" and discuss the implications of this concept for librarians in developing countries.

## SECTION (B) ISSUES

3. Identify and elaborate on **THREE (3)** important areas that should be included in a Code of Ethics being developed for library and information professionals in the modern information environment and give reasons why you consider these to be essential.

4. Examine and elaborate on **ONE (1)** digitization related issue that poses challenges for librarians today and suggest how this challenge can be addressed.

## SECTION (C) TRENDS

5. Comment briefly on the following and suggest how these can be used to enhance the operation and delivery of library services
   (1) Wikis
   (2) Blogs
   (3) Podcasts
   (4) Social Networks

6. Identify an activity from either the Client Services **OR** the Technical Services area in a type of library of your choice (Public, Special, Academic or School) and elaborate on ways in which the application of information technology has improved service delivery **OR** operations.

## END OF QUESTION PAPER