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

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

Course Code and Title: **LIBS690**1 **Trends & Issues in Library & Information Work**

Date: Time: **Monday December 7, 2009**   **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.

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 EACH FROM SECTION A, B AND C.

SECTION (A) GENERAL

Question 1

"Convergence of the communication and information technologies is "***revolutionizing the organization and delivery of library services***" worldwide. Offer an explanation of the italicized phrase above and comment on the implications of this revolution for the education and training of library professionals.

Question 2

Share your understanding of the concept *Information Society* and suggest ways by which libraries in developing countries can assist to promote and operationalize this concept.

SECTION (B) ISSUES

Question 3

Identify **ONE (1)** challenge faced by library and information professionals relating to the provision of access to information.   Elaborate on the nature and source of this challenge and suggest ways of successfully dealing with this.

Question 4

In the context of Scholarly Publishing, digitization of information resources has led to tensions between publishers and librarians. Explain the source of these tensions and elaborate on **FOUR (4)** responses which have been developed in an effort to increase access to scholarly publications.

SECTION (C) TRENDS

Question 5

Discuss effective ways of providing library services in support of Distance Education in the modern globalized environment.

Question 6

Select one of the following and explain its relevance/usefulness in a type of library of your choice.

a) Information Commons
b) Web 2 Tools

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