THE UNIVERSITY OF THE WEST INDIES

Course Code and Title: **LIBS6202 - Subject Work in Information Retrieval**
Date: Time:
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 ANY THREE (3) QUESTIONS.

1.   Discuss **FOUR (4)** similarities and **FOUR (4)** differences between the Dewey Decimal and the Library of Congress Classification schemes using examples to illustrate your points.

2.   Explain the **TWO (2)** main objectives of modern library classification schemes then discuss **FIVE (5)** features of acceptable notation for a classification scheme. Use examples from a modern classification scheme to illustrate the features.

3. Give **TWO (2)** challenges in determining terms for building a subject headings list then describe the **FOUR (4)** principles used by cataloguers in developing terms for use in such a system.

4. Describe the **FOUR (4)** types of subject headings and the **FOUR (4)** types of subdivisions found in the *Sears List of Subject Headings*. Indicate the order of the subdivisions prescribed by *Sears*. Use examples for each type.

5. Discuss **FOUR (4)** input techniques which the cataloguer can use to optimize the chance of the user finding records in response to a given search. Indicate how these affect the output measures of recall and relevance. Include explanations of the terms recall and relevance in your answer.

6. Write brief notes on ALL of the following:

   Pre-coordinate and post coordinate subject systems

   Summarization

   Hospitality in classification

   Literary Warrant

END OF PAPER