



THE UNIVERSITY OF THE WEST INDIES

Semester I Semester II Supplemental/Summer School

Examinations of December /April/May /July 2010

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

Mode: **On Campus** **By Distance**

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: Pencil or pen, Ruler, ID card, Exam card

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. THIS PAPER REPRESENTS 60% OF THE COURSE MARK.

1. Explain the main features of modern classification schemes using examples. Discuss the purpose and relevance of these schemes in the online environment including that of a digital library.
2. Compare and contrast Dewey Decimal and Library of Congress Classification schemes and indicate the type of library for which each is best suited and why.

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3. Discuss the **FOUR (4)** principles which guide librarians in selecting appropriate terms for subject headings. Describe the techniques of References, Scope notes and Subject Authority Control Lists used in recording and managing terms and showing relationships in a subject heading list.

4. Explain what a subject headings list is and its purpose. Discuss the challenges in choosing an appropriate word or a phrase or combination of words as a subject heading for a subject headings list. Use examples to support your answer.

5. Discuss how the cataloguer/indexer, the user and the creator of a work can affect the efficiency of a catalogue as an information retrieval system and **FOUR (4) INPUT** performance measures that can be used to ensure its effectiveness.

6. Write brief notes on **ALL** of the following. Each carries equal marks.

- Subject analysis
- Pre and post coordinate subject systems
- Recall and Precision as performance measures of a catalogue
- Types of subject headings and subdivisions in *Sears list of Subject Headings*

END OF QUESTION PAPER

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