



## 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: LIBS6202-SUBJECT WORK IN INFORMATION RETRIEVAL

Date: Time: Friday May 6, 2011 2:00p.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:

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Candidates are permitted to bring the following items to their desks:

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**Instructions to Candidates: This paper has TWO (2) pages & SIX (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. ALL CARRY EQUAL MARKS. THIS PAPER REPRESENTS 60% OF THE COURSE MARK.**

1. Explain what is summarization as an indexing technique. Describe the steps a cataloguer takes to determine the subject of a work prior to assigning a subject heading or a classification number and why these steps are necessary.
2. Explain the concepts of enumerative and faceted classification in modern library classification schemes. Discuss how these are used in **BOTH** Library of Congress Classification and Dewey Decimal Classification schemes. Examples must be used in your answer.

3. Explain SIX (6) of the considerations, using examples, which cataloguers have to bear in mind when selecting single words to be used in a subject headings authority list. Discuss the principles which guide the cataloguer in selecting these headings.
4. What is the purpose of the *Sears List of Subject Headings*? Describe the main features of this tool, including the types of subject headings and subdivisions used in this tool.
5. Describe the Output and Input measures of quality of information retrieval systems as applied to a catalogue.
6. Write brief notes on all of the following. All carry equal marks.
  - Automatic indexing systems
  - Features of notation in library classification
  - Merits of Library of Congress Classification scheme
  - Pre-coordinate and post coordinate indexing systems

**END OF QUESTION PAPER**