



THE UNIVERSITY OF THE WEST INDIES

Semester I Semester II Supplemental/Summer School

Examinations of December /April/May /July 2012

Originating Campus: Cave Hill Mona St. Augustine

Mode: On Campus By Distance

Course Code and Title: **LIBS6901 - TRENDS & ISSUES IN LIBRARY AND INFORMATION WORK**

Date: **Friday, December 14, 2012**

Time: 2:00 – 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. ANSWER ONE EACH FROM SECTIONS A, B AND C.

EACH QUESTION CARRIES EQUAL MARKS.

SECTION (A) GENERAL

1. “Convergence of information and communication technologies has affected the ways in which information resources are created, stored and disseminated”. In the light of this statement identify **TWO (2)** new courses which should be included in the curriculum of library schools in the modern information environment. For each course proposed, elaborate on the content and give five reasons for its selection.
2. Comment on **FIVE (5)** major challenges faced by developing societies in achieving ‘information society’ status and indicate strategies that could be used by librarians to alleviate these challenges.

SECTION (B) ISSUES

3. Digitization has emphasized some types of challenges to professional ethics for librarians. Identify and elaborate on **TWO (2)** such challenges, and suggest how these could be addressed.
4. Identify and elaborate on **TWO (2)** Threats or Issues associated with the preservation of electronic information resources and discuss evolving solutions for addressing each of these.

SECTION (C) TRENDS

5. Discuss **FOUR (4)** ways by which technology has impacted the organization and retrieval of information in modern libraries and illustrate how these have affected the way users find and access information to day.
6. Explain the Library 2.0 concept and identify and elaborate on examples of **FOUR (4)** web2.0 influences on client services in a type of library of your choice.

END OF PAPER