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Code and Name of Course: **LS39A – ACCESS TO INFORMATION IN THE CARIBBEAN**

Paper:

Date and Time:

Duration: **2 hrs.**

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES: This paper has 1 page(s) and 6 questions

ANSWER THREE (3) QUESTIONS. EACH QUESTION CARRIES EQUAL MARKS.

1. Discuss with examples the ways in which libraries and librarians in the Caribbean are taking advantage of the Internet to provide access to information.
2. E-government services are increasing and the “average citizen” should be able to take advantage of these new sources of information. Discuss with examples these new sources of information in the Caribbean and ways in which libraries can collaborate with government organizations to make this information widely accessible.
3. In the changing paradigm of scholarly publishing, institutional repositories can play an important role in increasing the visibility of an academic library and its parent institution. Discuss the development of these repositories and current and possible future applications in the Caribbean.
4. Testing the usability of library websites can provide important inputs to the design and development of library services. Discuss this research methodology and the practical issues involved in its implementation.
5. Use of broadband Internet can enable libraries to provide a greater range of information services. Discuss the broadband options available in Caribbean countries and the factors which you would consider in your selection
6. Discuss the implementation of the Access to Information / Freedom of Information legislation in countries of the Caribbean, and current and possible future roles of libraries and librarians in extending access to government information.

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