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Code and Name of Course: *LS39A – Access to Information in the Caribbean*

Paper:

Date and Time: Wednesday April 30, 2008 9:00-11:00am   Duration: **2 hrs.**

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES: This paper has   2   page(s) and   6   questions

Answer THREE (3) questions.   Each question carries equal marks.

QUESTION 1

Identify the developments in Caribbean governments' use of the Internet and the World Wide Web, in delivering information services and comment on the roles which Caribbean libraries are playing and can play in enabling citizens to access information related to government services.

QUESTION 2

Discuss with examples, access to information held in digital libraries, institutional repositories, and databases of electronic journals in the Caribbean.

QUESTION 3

Identify and discuss the factors which influence the usability of library websites and illustrate your answer with examples from some websites in the Caribbean.

QUESTION 4

Discuss the status of Internet usage in the Caribbean and ways in which Caribbean librarians can facilitate access to information via the Internet.

QUESTION 5

Discuss the broadband options available in Caribbean countries and the factors which you would consider in your selection of broadband service for your library. Comment on the expected impact on services.

QUESTION 6

Discuss the implementation of the Access to Information / Freedom of Information legislation in the countries of the Caribbean, and current and possible future roles of libraries and librarians in extending access to government information.

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