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

Paper:

Date and Time: Monday December 17, 2007 4:00pm – 6:00pm 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 move to digitized formats which is influencing changes in the ways Caribbean people can access information held in Caribbean digital libraries, institutional repositories and other digitized sources.
2. Identify and discuss the factors which contribute to the usability of websites and illustrate your points from your experience in using websites in the Caribbean.
3. Discuss the status of Internet usage in the Caribbean, taking into consideration infrastructure, cost, affordability, users' capacity, and policies and ways in which Caribbean librarians are facilitating access to information via the Internet.
4. Discuss with examples the availability and accessibility of Caribbean legislation including constitutions, bills, judgments, laws, and subsidiary legislation, and comment on the potential for use by the "average citizen"
5. 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.
6. Journal articles are now available through print journals, databases of electronic journals, and open access journals. Discuss with examples the factors influencing access to information in journal articles as impacted by these three formats.

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