

THE OPEN UNIVERSITY OF SRI LANKA
 INFORMATION STUDIES UNIT
 FACULTY OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES
 BA(HONS) IN LIBRARY AND INFORMATION STUDIES
 FINAL EXAMINATION – 2024/2025
 LEVEL 3 (SEMESTER II)
 HSU3305: TYPES AND MANAGEMENT OF LIBRARY RESOURCES



DURATION: THREE (03) HOURS ONLY

Date: 02.03.2025

Time: 930am – 12.30pm

Instructions

Answer only five (05) questions

All questions carry equal marks

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| 1. | i. | Briefly explain the difference between "data" and "information." | 04 marks |
| | ii. | "What are primary, secondary, and tertiary sources?" Explain with examples. | 06 marks |
| | iii. | Explain four (4) criteria that are considered when assessing the quality of information. | 10 marks |
| 2. | i. | Write five (5) advantages of print resources. | 05 marks |
| | ii. | Write five (5) disadvantages of e-resources. | 05 marks |
| | iii. | Explain in detail the features and characteristics of e-resources. | 10 marks |
| 3. | i. | Briefly explain "What is Information Resource Management (IRM)." | 04 marks |
| | ii. | Explain the difference between administrative and supervisory tasks performed by a librarian when managing information resources. | 06 marks |
| | iii. | Librarians should have the skills to run the library effectively. Explain how these skills can be applied in daily operations of the library. | 10 marks |

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| 4. | i. | Explain why 'book selection' is important when purchasing books for libraries. | 05 marks |
| | ii. | Briefly explain two (2) principles that can be used for book selection. | 05 marks |
| | iii. | Explain what factors that should be considered by the librarian when selecting books for libraries. | 10 marks |
| 5. | i. | Briefly explain " What is library stock verification". | 10 marks |
| | ii. | Explain with examples which method you recommend for a successful library stock verification giving reasons. | 10 marks |
| 6. | i. | Briefly explain five (5) methods used to acquire resources to the libraries. | 10 marks |
| | ii. | Discuss the benefits and challenges of each method that you explained above. | 10 marks |
| 7. | i. | Explain why librarians need to process library resources. | 10 marks |
| | ii. | Explain key activities involved in the physical processing of library materials. | 10 marks |
| 8. | i. | "Man is the main enemy of libraries" discuss this statement providing examples. | 10 marks |
| | ii. | Describe how "pre-conservation" can be carried out before library conservation. | 10 marks |

9. Write short notes on any of the four 4 topics given below.

Each carry 5 marks.

- i. DIKW Pyramid
- ii. CRAAP test
- iii. Functions of Library Automation
- iv. Accession register
- v. Book Binding
- vi. Process of Serials Acquisition

5x4=20 marks