

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 5 (SEMESTER II)
 HSU5306: TYPES OF LIBRARIES AND INFORMATION SERVICES



DURATION: THREE (03) HOURS ONLY

Date: 09.03.2025

Time: 9.30a.m.- 12.30p.m.

Instructions

- Answer only five (05) questions
- All questions carry equal marks

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| 1. | i. | Name eight (8) services offered by the National Library and Documentation Services Board of Sri Lanka. | 04 marks |
| | ii. | Humphreys has divided the functions of a national library into three categories. Discuss those three categories in brief. | 06 marks |
| | iii. | Explain the main functions of National Library and Documentation Services Board of Sri Lanka. | 10 marks |
| 2. | i. | Define what is an Academic Library using authorized definition? | 05 marks |
| | ii. | Discuss the five (5) roles of an academic library in supporting teaching, learning, and research by giving examples | 15 marks |
| 3. | i. | What is a special library? Define | 02 marks |
| | ii. | What is the difference between an academic library and a special library? Discuss in detail. | 06 marks |
| | iii. | Explain four important services provided by the special libraries to the users with examples. | 12 marks |

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| 4. | i. | What is the school library? Describe | 02 marks |
| | ii. | Indicate three (03) Objectives of the school library? | 03 marks |
| | iii. | Describe in detail the role of the school librarian as a mediator of learning supporting examples. | 15 marks |
| 5. | | Discuss in detail the responsibility of a public library in serving the local community as a facilitator for the lifelong learning. | 20 marks |
| 6. | i. | Briefly explain the different steps in conducting a user study. | 08 marks |
| | ii. | Discuss the importance of user studies for planning and development of library services. | 12 marks |
| 7. | | You have been appointed as a Reference Librarian of your library. Discuss your role as a reference librarian when supporting your users with examples in detail. | 20 marks |
| 8. | i. | What is the difference between Information products and Information services? Explain in brief. | 05 marks |
| | ii. | What do you mean by "Information Repackaging" | 03 marks |
| | iii. | Describe in detail the process of information repackaging. | 12 marks |
| 9. | | Write short notes on any four (04) topics given below | |
| | i. | Current awareness service | |
| | ii. | Library extension service | |
| | iii. | User categories | |
| | iv. | Selective Dissemination of Information | |
| | v. | Marketing mix (7ps) | |
| | vi. | User education programmes | 4x5=20 marks |