

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)
 HSU3302: INFORMATION POLICY & ACCESS TO INFORMATION



DURATION: THREE (03) HOURS ONLY

Date: . 15.03.2025

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

Instructions

Answer only five (05) questions

All question carry equal marks

1. i. What is an “Information Policy”? Define. 2 marks
 ii. What are the key determinants of Information Policy? Describe three (3) key determinants. 6 marks
 iii. Explain how these key determinants can influence the formulation and implementation of information policy. 12 marks
2. i. What are the key aspects of legal frameworks that shape information policy systems and explain how they influence the collection, ‘use’, ‘sharing’, and ‘protection’ of information? 12 marks
 ii. What is the role of the copyright status in shaping information policy? Briefly discuss? 8 marks
3. i. Discuss using real-world examples why Information Security Policy is important to users. 10 marks
 ii. Discuss the importance of conducting a SWOT analysis in libraries providing real-world examples to support your answer. 10 marks
4. i. Define “digital divide” and explain what are the factors contributing to digital divide? Explain. 10 marks
 ii. Explain four (4) key factors that contribute to Information Poverty? 10 marks

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| 5. | i. What are the common technological barriers in the implementation of information policy (IP)? Explain them. | 10 marks |
| | ii. Discuss what are the strategies that can be used to overcome above stated technological barriers in implementation of Information Policy (IP). | 10 marks |
| 6. | i. Discuss the evolution of the information environment and its impact on 'communication', 'society', and 'knowledge' dissemination. | 10 marks |
| | ii. What are the various types of information formats? Briefly discuss them. | 05 marks |
| | iii. Briefly discuss the importance of information literacy in today's digital age. | 05 marks |
| 7. | i. What are e-governance citizen service digital platforms? Explain | 05 marks |
| | ii. Discuss how does e-governance citizen service facilitate services for citizens? | 05 marks |
| | ii. Explain the key design principles that should be followed to create user-friendly interfaces. | 10 marks |
| 8. | i. Briefly explain the goals of the Freedom of Information (FOI) Act in promoting access to information. | 10 marks |
| | ii. Explain the role of librarians in the implementation of Freedom of Information (FOI). | 10 marks |
| 9. | Write short notes on any four (4) of the following topics. | |
| | i. Information Gap | |
| | ii. Marrakech Treaty | |
| | iii. RTI act in Sri Lanka | |
| | iv. CRAAP Test | |
| | v. Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) | |
| | vi. Open Data | 4 x 5=20 marks |