

National University of Science and Technology
Faculty of Information and Communication Science
Department of Library and Information Science

Bachelor of Science (Honours) Degree in Library and Information Science

Part I Second Semester June 2010 Examinations

ILI 1207: Information and Society

Time: 3 hours

Instructions to candidates

1. Answer any four (4) questions
 2. Give equal time to all questions you choose
 3. Each question carries 25 marks.
 4. Importance is attached to accuracy, clarity and legible handwriting.
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1. Discuss why information has been deemed critical for the wellbeing of society from time immemorial up to the electronic age.
2. Language is a natural gift to all people. In the light of this, assess the impact of selecting some languages as official over others in the same nation or country.
3. With reference to a particular kind of a library, discuss the extent to which the notions of democracy, censorship, human rights and privacy should influence your choice of resources as a librarian.
4. Explicitly identify factors that should be considered by all information professionals when selecting print and electronic resources for children. Justify the value of these factors.
5. Choose a special group of people that has unique information needs and discuss measures that information professionals could adopt in order to enrich the lives of members of this special group.
6. Discuss why some countries embrace electronic information transmitted through the Internet while others are suspicious of it.

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