NATIONAL UNIVERSITY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY FACULTY OF COMMUNICATION AND INFORMATION SCIENCE DEPARTMENT OF LIBRARY AND INFORMATION SCIENCE

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE (HONOURS) DEGREE IN LIBRARY AND INFORMATION SCIENCE

PART I SECOND SEMESTER MAY 2012 EXAMINATIONS

ILI 1207: INFORMATION AND SOCIETY

TIME: 3 HOURS

<u>Instructions to candidates</u>

- 1. Answer any four questions.
- 2. Each question carries 25 marks.
- 3. Give equal time to each question.
- 4. Importance is attached to accuracy, clarity and legibility of handwriting.
- 1.1 Discuss the concept of an Information Society

[10 marks]

- 1.2 Critique the statement that the freedom to read is of little consequence when the reader cannot obtain matter fit for that reader's purpose . . . freedom itself is a dangerous way of life. [15 marks]
- 2. Think of a library of your choice and outline, with an explanation, an information literacy programme that you consider to be ideal for the library. [25 marks]
- 3. Critically assess the statement that the sources of censorship and curtailment of intellectual freedom are found at various levels in society [25 marks]
- 4. Evaluate the role, impact and contribution to national development of an organisation in your subject field. [25 marks]
- 5.1 Assess the relationships between intellectual freedom and human rights in Zimbabwe. [15 marks]
- 5.2 The censorship of the Internet in China is more economical than political. Discuss [10 marks]
- 6. Explain, using practical examples, why the laws of copyright and of intellectual property are essential in an information society. [25 marks]