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

PART II FIRST SEMESTER JANUARY 2013 EXAMINATIONS

ILI 2102: ONLINE INFORMATION RETRIEVAL

TIME: 3HOURS

Instructions to candidates

1. Answer any four (4) questions.
 2. Each question carries 25 marks.
 3. Importance is attached to accuracy, clarity of expression and legibility of handwriting.
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1. You have been tasked with presenting a paper at a ZIMLA conference. The paper is aimed at addressing issues that deal with how information professionals can evaluate information from various electronic sources. Draft such a paper. [25 marks]
 2. Compare and contrast the characteristics of the Internet and any OPAC you have used. [25 marks]
 3. Discuss information retrieval problems associated with online information sources in Zimbabwe. How can these problems be managed? [25 marks]
 4. With reference to retrieval of online information, discuss the following:
 - 4.1 Recall [5 marks]
 - 4.2 Truncation [5 marks]
 - 4.3 Precision [5 marks]
 - 4.4 Proximity searching [5 marks]
 - 4.5 Fall out [5 marks]
 5. Critique the use of the Boolean search model in retrieving online information. [25 marks]
 6. Google is one of the most used search engines in Zimbabwe. In your opinion, what factors have caused this. [25 marks]

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