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

PART II FIRST SEMESTER JULY 2013 SUPPLEMENTARY 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.

1. Assess the use of Boolean logic in any two search engines you have used.   [25 marks]

2. With the aid of examples, discuss the purpose of each of the following Dialogue search system commands:
2.1 Expand command   [5 marks]
2.2 Page command   [5 marks]
2.3 Select step   [5 marks]
2.4 Super select   [5 marks]
2.5 Combined command   [5 marks]

3. Assess the effectiveness of each of the following online information sources, in academic libraries:
3.1 CD – ROM   [8 marks]
3.2 INTERNET   [9 marks]
3.3 OPAC   [8 marks]

4. Evaluate the attributes of a pre-search interview for effective online searching.
                                                                       [25 marks]

5. Discuss the hindrances to effective online information retrieval in libraries in Zimbabwe.

6.1 What do you understand by the following terms:
6.1.1 Meta search engine.   [5 marks]
6.1.2 Web crawler   [5 marks]

6.2 With the aid of examples, discuss the use of Meta search engines in libraries. [15 marks]

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