# 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 II FIRST SEMESTER AUGUST 2011 SUPPLEMENTARY EXAMINATIONS

## ILI 2106: INDEXING AND ABSTRACTING

## **TIME: 3HOURS**

#### **Instruction to candidates**

- 1. Answer any four (4) questions.
- 2. Each question carries 25 marks.
- 3. Importance is attached to accuracy, clarity of expression and legible handwriting.
- 1. Assess how a critical abstract differs from a slanted abstract.
- 2. Discuss the observation that an information retrieval system does not require a classified index when it has a dictionary index.
- 3. Assess the characteristics of a 'good' index.
- 4. Discuss issues central to the construction of a thesaurus.
- 5. Discuss the similarities and differences of indexing Internet-based documents and hardcopy documents.
- 6i. Using an example of your choice, explain how user warrant can pose problems when using the controlled language like a Classification scheme. (15 marks)
- ii. Explain the effectiveness of using titles as a substitute for subjects in subject indexing. (10 marks)

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