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

PART II FIRST SEMESTER JULY 2013 SUPPLEMENTARY EXAMINATIONS

ILI 2106: INDEXING AND ABSTRACTING

TIME: 3HOURS

Instructions to candidates

1. Answer any four (4) questions.
2. Each question carries 25 marks.
3. Give equal time to each question.
4. Importance is attached to accuracy, clarity of expression and legibility of handwriting.

1. The main activities in subject indexing include the analysis of the concepts contained in the documents being indexed and the translation of the concepts into an indexing language. Discuss the recall and precision devices that should be considered to make the index effective and efficient. [25 marks]
- 2.1 Compare and contrast a modular to a critical abstract. [15 marks]
- 2.2 Discuss the four (4) main principles of vocabulary control. [10 marks]
- 3.1 A classification scheme is an indexing language. Discuss the characteristics of a good subject index. [10 marks]
- 3.2 Compare and contrast a concordance to an analytical index. [15 marks]
4. Consider the characteristics of natural and controlled vocabularies, showing situations in which you would choose one over the other. [25 marks]
5. A thesaurus and a subject heading list are both controlled vocabularies. Assess their similarities and differences. [25 marks]
6. Outline the steps that are critical in the evaluation of indexing systems. [25 marks]

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