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

PART IV FIRST SEMESTER JANUARY 2011 EXAMINATIONS

ILI 4107: PUBLISHING MANAGEMENT: THEORY AND PRACTICE

TIME: 3 HOURS

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. "A large publishing company consists of several functions that are managed in related departments." With reference to the statement above, assess the contributions of any five (5) departments of a publishing company to the success of any publishing venture.
- 2. "Publishing requires little specialised equipment. If necessary, most publishing functions can be carried out in a traditional manner." Examine this line of thinking in light of the role of emerging technologies in the publishing industry.
- 3. Discuss the challenges that have affected textbook publishing in Africa and advance solutions to improve the status quo.
- 4. Analyse factors that an entry level textbook publisher in Zimbabwe should consider when choosing a subject or a limited array of subjects to focus on.
- 5. Contracts are formal written agreements between the publisher and authors of a work, setting out the responsibilities of each party. Discuss the contents of such documents and establish their necessity in the publishing process.
- 6. Evaluate the relative importance of the various headings when preparing a title budget and suggest which ones could be freelanced to other independent suppliers in Zimbabwe, without jeopardising the success of the project.

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