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

PART IV SECOND SEMESTER MAY 2012 EXAMINATIONS

ILI 4202: PUBLIC LIBRARIES

TIME: 3 HOURS

Instruction 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.
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1. Justify the role of the public library in linking community activities. [25 marks]
2. Discuss causes and effects of retardation of the development of public libraries in Zimbabwe. [25 marks]
3. Critique the functions of the public library as a democratic institution. [25 marks]
4. You have been appointed Chief Librarian of Bulawayo Municipal Libraries. Discuss strategies you would put in place to revive the value of these libraries to the community. [25 marks]
5. Critique the assertion in the UNESCO Public Library Manifesto that the public library should in principle be free of charge. [25 marks]
6. Collections in public libraries in Zimbabwe have to a larger extent remained static resulting in failure to meet the dynamic needs of the communities they serve. Discuss. [25 marks]

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