# 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 IV SECOND SEMESTER MAY 2012 EXAMINATIONS

## **ILI 4209 SPECIAL LIBRARIES**

TIME: 3 HOURS

# **Instructions to candidates**

- 1. Answer any <u>four</u> (4) questions
- 2. Each question carries 25 marks.
- 3. Give equal time to each question.
- 4. Importance is attached to accuracy, clarity and legible handwriting.
- 1. Using specific theories or models, discuss how special libraries should respond to the common information seeking behaviours of their customers so as to make their services more effective.

  [25 marks]
- 2. Discuss the survival options which are available for a special library that is facing imminent closure because of liquidity problems in the parent company that sees the library as an unnecessary expense.

  [25 marks]
- 3. IFLA is an international body that stands up for librarians from all walks of life. What are the advantages and disadvantages of becoming a member of this association, whether as an individual or as part of a group? [25 marks]
- 4. Evaluate the criteria that should be considered for collection development and access in a government departmental library. [25 marks]
- 5. Discuss the implications of at least five computer based developments which you consider to be of exceptional significance to users of a special library. [25 marks]
- 6. 'Improvements in technology on a daily basis have resulted in former library users carrying these libraries in their pockets'. Discuss the implications for traditional marketing in view of the advent of online resources.

  [25 marks]