NATIONAL UNIVERSITY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY FACULTY OF COMMUNICATION AND INFORMATION SCIENCE DEPARTMENT OF LIBRARY AND INFORMATION SCIENCE

MASTER OF SCIENCE DEGREE IN LIBRARY AND INFORMATION SCIENCE

STAGE I FIRST SEMESTER XXX SUPPLEMENTARY EXAMINATIONS

ILI 5103 CONTEMPORARY ISSUES IN LIBRARY AND INFORMATION MANAGEMENT

Time: 3 hours + 30 minutes reading

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

- 1. Question I in Section A is compulsory.
- 2. Answer question 1 and any other 3 questions from Section B.
- 3. Importance is attached to accuracy, clarity of expression and legible handwriting.
- 4. Each question carries 25 marks.

SECTION A: compulsory

1. With reference to your own experience, critique the notion that leadership is a critical factor for library effectiveness.

SECTION B: answer any 3 questions

- 2. The ideal of intellectual freedom is always current because it is always threatened, even in a democratic society. From the general perspective of the library profession, discuss the threat that censorship poses to 'intellectual freedom'.
- 3. Select a category of people who are either physically or emotionally challenged and evaluate information related strategies that could be used to help this special group of people to cope with the business of living.
- 4. Educationists stress that all children should be first taught through the child's mother language. Discuss how information professionals can support this principle.
- 5. The children's librarian is not trained as a social worker, child minder or teacher, although library work with young people may involve aspects of all these occupations. The librarian's prime concern is with the promotion of books. Discuss.
- 6. Discuss the notion that the world is no longer divided between the **north** and **south** but between areas and people who are switched into and off networking logic of the new global system.