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MASTER OF SCIENCE DEGREE IN LIBRARY AND INFORMATION SCIENCE
STAGE I SECOND SEMESTER MAY 2011 EXAMINATIONS

ILI 5105: INDIGENOUS KNOWLEDGE SYSTEMS

TIME: 3 HOURS

Instruction to candidates

1. Answer any four (4) questions
 2. Each question carries 25 marks.
 3. Give equal time to all questions.
 4. Importance is attached to accuracy, clarity and legibility of handwriting.
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1. Assess efforts being made at international level to recognise and develop legislation for indigenous knowledge systems.
2. Discuss the implications of promotion and marketing of indigenous practices on intellectual property rights.
3. Critique the role of spiritualism in indigenous belief systems highlighting how this has contributed to the sustenance of life.
4. Justify the role of technology in promoting the documentation, preservation and use of indigenous knowledge systems. In the process, indicate the precautions that should be considered to keep indigenous knowledge intact.
5. With special reference to Zimbabwe, discuss the fact that indigenous communities are not devoid of technologies and technical practices.
6. Critique the view that Modern Knowledge Systems (MKS) have contributed to the diminishing value of Indigenous Knowledge Systems (IKS) among local communities.

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