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MSC IN LIBRARY AND INFORMATION SCIENCE

STAGE II FIRST SEMESTER OCTOBER 2005 EXAMINATIONS

ILI 5106   INFORMATION POLICY STUDIES

TIME: 3 HOURS + 30 MIN READING

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

1.   ANSWER ANY **FOUR** QUESTIONS.
2.   GIVE EQUAL TIME TO ALL THE QUESTIONS.
3.   EACH QUESTION CARRIES 25 MARKS.

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1.   Organisations usually explicitly or implicitly acknowledge the need for policy. Assess why institutions, in general, consider policy critical for performance.

[25 marks]

2.   Identify and discuss factors that make it difficult for modern nation-states to develop information policies that are embraced by all individual and corporate citizens.   [25 marks]

3.   Identify and discuss <u>both</u> positive and negative factors which affect international cooperation with reference to the formulation of information policies in various countries.   [25 marks]

4.   The need for human rights, democracy and morality appears to have universal acceptance. In the light of this, discuss why various societies fail to agree on national information policies which embrace these values.   [25 marks]

5.   With reference to modernisation and global environmental protection, assess the validity of factors or reasons that have caused some countries to falsify scientific research findings. What impact has such behaviour made on efforts to establish information policies that transcend territorial boundaries?

[25 marks]

6.   Planners and decision makers often use models for policy formation. Identify one model and discuss its value as an aid for establishing policy in a setting that you know well.   [25 marks]

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