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 II MAY 2010 EXAMINATIONS

ILI 5106: INFORMATION POLICY STUDIES

TIME: 3 HOURS + 30 MINUTES READING TIME

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

- 1. Answer any <u>four</u> (4) questions.
- 2. Each question carries 25 marks.
- 3. Give equal time to all questions.
- 4. Importance is attached to accuracy, clarity and legible handwriting.
- 1. Identify at least five information problems which do not attain agenda status in Zimbabwe and explain the reasons behind this situation.
- 2. The formulation of policy proposals in the Zimbabwean Library service can be described as democratic. Discuss.
- 3. Objectively examine the ministries of Information and Communication Technology and Media, Information and Publicity and discuss the impact of their separation on National Information Policy formulation.
- 4. The majority of Zimbabweans stay in the rural areas. What considerations should be made for these people in the formulation of a National Information System (NATIS) or National Information Infrastructure.
- 5. The Zimbabwe Library Association (ZimLA) has been revived. Discuss the factors that may affect its proper functioning, highlighting policy lessons which can be learnt.
- 6. Discuss the role of ICTs in democratic governance.