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PDL 5305

First Semester Examination Paper

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This examination paper consists of 2 pages

Time Allowed: 3 hours
Total Marks: 100
Special Requirements: None
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INSTRUCTIONS

1. Answer any four (4) questions
2. Each question carries 25 marks
3. Importance is attached to accuracy, clarity of expression and legible handwriting

MARK ALLOCATION

QUESTION	MARKS
1.	25
2.	25
3.	25
4.	25
TOTAL	100

- 1.1 Justify the importance of an information needs assessment in the provision of information in a community of your choice. [15 marks]
- 1.2 With reference to any two (2) types of online communities that you are familiar with, illustrate what makes information communities distinct from any other type of community. [10 marks]
- 2 Demonstrate, with examples, the implications of applying the four (4) main theories on ethics in a library set-up. [25 marks]
- 3 To what extent can you say that the concept of open access has been of benefit to an African country like Zimbabwe? [25 marks]
4. Critically assess the role of information in consumerism. [25 marks]
5. To what extent can librarians in Zimbabwe be considered as professionals? [25 marks]
6. Information has become a critical organisational resource in an information society. Against this background, choose any two (2) professional groups that operate in the cultural industry and assess the importance of information literacy to their profession. [25 marks]