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FACULTY OF COMMUNICATION AND INFORMATION SCIENCE

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE HONOURS DEGREE IN RECORDS AND ARCHIVES MANAGEMENT

PART I SECOND SEMESTER JUNE 2008 SUPPLEMENTARY EXAMINATIONS

ILI 1203 INFORMATION RETRIEVAL SYSTEMS

TIME: 3 HOURS

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

1. ANSWER ANY **FOUR** QUESTIONS FROM THE FOLLOWING
 2. EACH QUESTION CARRIES **25 MARKS**
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1. Identify and describe any three information retrieval tools in a manual environment. **[25 marks]**
2. List and explain briefly the components of an online information retrieval system. **[25 marks]**
3. Examine the relationship between the use of controlled and uncontrolled vocabularies and their retrieval effectiveness. **[25 marks]**
4. Give a critical outline of the criteria that can be used to evaluate information retrieval systems. **[25 marks]**
5. List and explain the seven major search facilities offered by most text retrieval systems **[25 marks]**
6. Define a subject headings list and draw a comparison of the subject headings list versus thesauri as information retrieval systems. **[25 marks]**

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