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BACHELOR OF SCIENCE HONOURS DEGREE IN RECORDS AND ARCHIVES MANAGEMENT

PART I SECOND SEMESTER EXAMINATIONS APRIL 2014

IRA 1204 ARCHIVES, HISTORY AND SOCIETY

TIME: 3 HOURS

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

1. QUESTION **ONE** IS COMPULSORY
2. ANSWER ANY OTHER **THREE** QUESTIONS FROM THE FOLLOWING
3. EACH QUESTION CARRIES **25 MARKS**

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1. You have been tasked by the government of a country that does not have a national archive to chair a committee working on the possible establishment of a national archive. Draft a proposal for submission to such a government, justifying the need for the establishment of the archive.
[25 marks]
 2. Analyse the statement that, "Archives are places where things begin, rather than places where documents are buried". (Beardsworth 1996).
[25 marks]
 3. Give a detailed account of the historical development of archives in Zimbabwe, articulating the social and political circumstances that necessitated the establishment of the National Archives of Zimbabwe.
[25 marks]
 4. Analyse the "evidence/memory dichotomy" concept that was propounded by Meeham (2010) and show how this concept challenges archivists.
[25 marks]
 5. (a) What is the meaning of "intrinsic value" in archives?
[5 marks]

- (b) Giving examples, outline any five ways in which archivists determine the intrinsic value of archives. [15 marks]
- (c) Other than the intrinsic value, what other values do archives possess? [5 marks]
6. Show how history and archives are different and complementary to each other. [25 marks]

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