NATIONAL UNIVERSITY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

FACULTY OF COMMUNICATION AND INFORMATION SCIENCE

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE HONOURS DEGREE IN RECORDS AND ARCHIVES MANAGEMENT

PART II SECOND SEMESTER SUPPLEMENTARY EXAMINATIONS 2014

IRA 2204 ARCHIVAL INFORMATICS

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. Trace the historical development of archival informatics.   **[25 marks]**

2. You are considering setting up an Archival Informatics System for your National Archives. What arguments would you put forward for and against such a system?   **[25 marks]**

3. Using a third world country of your choice, critique the view that the named country lacks capacity to design, implement and sustain archival informatics systems.   **[25 marks]**

4. Archival informatics is an interface between the theory and application of information and technology in the realm of archives and record keeping. Examine the relationship between these professions in building archival informatics systems.   **[25 marks]**

5. To what extent have archivists embraced the concept of archival informatics?   **[25 marks]**

6. Archival informatics is hinged on standards. Using the Encoded Archival Description as an archival descriptive language, demonstrate its usefulness in archives.   **[25 marks]**

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