

# 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 AUGUST 2009 EXAMINATIONS

IRA 2211 ARCHIVES, GOVERNMENT AND OTHER INFORMATION CENTRES

**TIME: 3 HOURS**

## **INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES**

1. ANSWER ANY **FOUR** QUESTIONS FROM THE FOLLOWING
2. EACH QUESTION CARRIES **25 MARKS**

1. Explain the challenges faced and propose viable approaches for the National Archives in preventing the possible desuetude of its public archives. **[25 marks]**
2. a) Does the individual citizen have a stake in supporting the public archives as a place where scholarly and other creative research is conducted? Give reasons for your answer. **[13 marks]**  
b) Discuss the stake the individual citizens and non-public organisations have in the retention and availability of archives. **[12 marks]**
3. National Archives, together with the National Library and the National Museum are Zimbabwe's core documentary, historical and cultural research sources. Discuss the role played by these three institutions in providing and preserving national identity, societal culture and institutional memory. **[25 marks]**
4. Discuss the importance of archivist professionals in the management of public sector records. **[25 marks]**
5. Justify the paradigm shift in archival science which redefines the role and responsibility of the archivist in shaping the collective memory of public archives. **[25 marks]**
6. How tenable is or will the National Archives Act (1986) be in the 21<sup>st</sup> century of electronic government? **[25 marks]**

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