

NATIONAL UNIVERSITY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

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BACHELOR OF SCIENCE HONOURS DEGREE IN RECORDS AND ARCHIVES MANAGEMENT

PART II SECOND SEMESTER SEPTEMBER 2009 SUPPLEMENTARY 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. Discuss the potential contribution of the public archives to national economic and social development. **[25 marks]**
2. 'The most difficult task to date, preserving our fast changing world today so we can remember what history we once lived for a moment tomorrow....'
Discuss the statement in light of the challenges archivists face in preserving national memory in public archives. **[25 marks]**
3. Assess the extent to which the National Archives of Zimbabwe and other national information authorities have supported the research and academic community with the documentary heritage of the state in the past decade. Is it a noble picture of a democracy? **[25 marks]**
4. Should the public archives comprise a collection of those records only generated by the state and any other public authority? What is the importance of non-government archives to society at large? **[25 marks]**
5. Outline and explain a national programme you would employ to raise the social relevance and public significance of public archives. **[25 marks]**
6. What are the legal and information policy concerns in developing a National Archives policy on access to the archives generated by the state? **[25 marks]**

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