

NATIONAL UNIVERSITY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

FACULTY OF COMMUNICATION AND INFORMATION SCIENCE

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE HONOURS DEGREE IN RECORDS AND ARCHIVES MANAGEMENT

PART IV SECOND SEMESTER JUNE 2008 SUPPLEMENTARY EXAMINATIONS

IRA 4203 COMPARATIVE ARCHIVES 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. Discuss critically the concept that archival theory as well as practice is in its nature dynamic. **[25 marks]**
 2. Giving examples, discuss that role of an emergency preparedness and disaster recovery programme for an archive of your choice. **[25 marks]**
 3. Critically analyse the concerns raised by a post-custodial approach in managing e-records in the ESARBICA Region. **[25 marks]**
 4. Some circles in the collecting profession say 'Profession' is a much-misused word. In your own view is Archives and Records Management sufficiently distinct to be a profession in its own right in Zimbabwe. **[25 marks]**
 5. Discuss the validity of the assertion that appraisal is universally acknowledged to be a core archival function. **[25 marks]**
 6. Describe in detail how South Africa was able to displace an outdated archival discourse and replace it with one that connects with South Africa's post apartheid societal dynamics. **[25 marks]**

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