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FACULTY OF COMMUNICATION AND INFORMATION SCIENCE

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE HONOURS DEGREE IN RECORDS AND ARCHIVES MANAGEMENT

PART IV SECOND SEMESTER APRIL 2014 EXAMINATIONS

IRA 4203 COMPARATIVE ARCHIVES SYSTEMS

TIME: 3 HOURS

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

1. QUESTION **ONE** IN SECTION A. IS COMPULSORY.
 2. ANSWER ANY **THREE** QUESTIONS FROM SECTION B.
 3. EACH QUESTION CARRIES **25 MARKS**
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SECTION A

1. Critically analyse the lens of archival acquisition and the past that the archives keep as a representation of national memory. [25 marks]

SECTION B

2. Using any archival institution in Southern Africa as an example, critique the impact of web technologies on the presentation of archives to the people. [25 marks]
3. According to John. W. Roberts (1993: 2), "Archival theory is valid and useful only in its least ambitious form: the 'nuts-and-bolts' or craft literature that describes the rudiments of archival processes." Discuss this statement considering the importance of archival theory in informing practice. [25 marks]
4. What have been the major reasons of the shift from classical archival science to the post-modern discourse? [25 marks]

5. Critically analyse the extent to which the post-colonial archival institutions in the ESARBICA region have managed to replace an outdated archival discourse with one that connects this region with new societal changes. **[25 marks]**

6. The current archival discourse challenges classical archival thinking and old methodologies because of new demands. Discuss. **[25 marks]**

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