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BACHELOR OF SCIENCE HONOURS DEGREE IN RECORDS AND ARCHIVES MANAGEMENT

PART IV SECOND SEMESTER EXAMINATIONS APRIL 2014

IRA 4211VIRTUAL ARCHIVES SYSTEMS

TIME: 3 HOURS

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

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

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1. (a) Illustrate the foundations of the virtual archives concept.   **[10 marks]**

    (b)Evaluate any five benefits that users can derive from using virtual archives   **[15 marks]**

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2. With reference to three models of virtual archives systems, consider any five factors which archivists should configure for the benefit of users.   **[25 marks]**

3. Determine the extent to which the ESARBICA region has embraced the virtual archives platform for the benefit of its regional and global clients.   **[25 marks]**

4. Critique the statement that, "Virtual archives are a reality"   **[25 marks]**

5. Justify the software, hardware and persware requirements for a successful virtual archives platform.   **[25 marks]**

6. A virtual archive features collections of digitized documents and images, accompanied by learning activities and commentary of interest to a wide range of readers (Atlantic Canada Virtual Archives, 2009). In light of the statement, critique the role of archivist in the perceived self-service concept associated with virtual archives systems.   **[25 marks]**

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