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CHILDREN'S LIBRARIES

ILI 4205

Second Semester Examination Paper

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This examination paper consists of 2 pages

Time Allowed: 3 hours
Total Marks: 100
Special Requirements: None
Examiner's Name: Dr. T. Machimbidza

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Answer four (4) questions
2. Question 1 in Section A is compulsory
3. Choose 3 questions from Section B
4. Question 1 carries 40 marks and questions 2 to 6 carry 20 marks each
5. Importance is attached to accuracy, clarity of expression and legible handwriting

MARK ALLOCATION

QUESTION	MARKS
1.	40
2.	20
3.	20
4.	20
5.	20
6.	20

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Section A: Practical Question [Compulsory] – Commit about 72 minutes to this Section

1. (a) Develop a strategic plan for a children's library of your imagination. Your strategic plan must clearly articulate the following:

- Name of your children's library
- Brief contextual background of your library
- Mission statement
- Goals
- Objectives
- Activities
- Performance indicators

[30 marks]

(b) Discuss the main causes of failure of strategic plans in children's libraries.

[10 marks]

Section B: General Questions – Commit about 108 minutes to this Section

2. Demonstrate how a children's library under your management can effectively serve visually impaired children. [20 marks]

3. If children's libraries are to excel they will have to discover new networks of funding to support ongoing annual operations, fund capital expenditures, and initiate specific projects. Identify the possible sources of funding for your library and demonstrate how you would attract such funding from each of the sources. [20 marks]

4. Examine the benefits and problems that may result from a children's library collaboration with nearby primary schools. [20 marks]

5. As a children's librarian you are the chief guarantor of children's safety and protection while they are in and around your facility. Show both the proactive and reactive measures you would institute to address the different types of problems, safety risks and emergencies that may affect children in and around your library. [20 marks]

6. Critique the marketing communications strategies you would employ for the promotion of your children's library in general and its special events, activities and services in particular. [20 marks]