



**NATIONAL UNIVERSITY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY**

**FACULTY OF COMMUNICATION AND INFORMATION SCIENCE**

**DEPARTMENT OF LIBRARY AND INFORMATION SCIENCE**

**BACHELOR OF SCIENCE HONOURS DEGREE IN LIBRARY AND INFORMATION SCIENCE**

**SPECIAL LIBRARIES**

**ILI 4209**

**Second Semester Examinations**

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This examination paper consists of 2 pages.

**Time Allowed: 3 hours**

**Total Marks: 100**

**Special Requirements: None**

**Examiner's Name: Mr E. Mackina**

**INSTRUCTIONS**

1. Answer any four (4) questions
2. Each question carries 25 marks
3. Importance is attached to accuracy, clarity of expression and legible handwriting

**MARK ALLOCATION**

<b>QUESTION</b>	<b>MARKS</b>
1.	25
2.	25
3.	25
4.	25
5.	25
6.	25

1. Within the context of special libraries, show your understanding of the following terms:
  - i) Multitasking; [5 marks]
  - ii) Botanical libraries; [5 marks]
  - iii) Competitive advantage; [5 marks]
  - iv) Corporate intelligence, [5 marks]
  - v) Digital literacy. [5 marks]
  
2.
  - i) What is the importance of strategic alignment in special libraries? [10 marks]
  - ii) Create an evaluation tool for an online subscription database such as ProQuest. [15 marks]
  
3.
  - i) How can the principles of embedded librarianship be applied in a library of parliament? [15 marks]
  - iii) Describe the process of recruitment and selection of staff in special libraries. [10 marks]
  
4. Assess the role of special libraries in supporting research, knowledge production, brokering, utilization and development within an existing non-governmental organization of your choice. [25 marks]
  
5. Assess current trends in continuous career development of special librarians indicating survival strategies critical for the continuation of the profession. [25 marks]
  
6. Compare and contrast the principles, policies and procedures of prison libraries to research libraries. [25 marks]