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COMPARATIVE ARCHIVES SYSTEMS

IIM 4203

Main Examination Paper

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This examination paper consists of 2 pages.

Time Allowed: 3 hours

Total Marks: 100

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INSTRUCTIONS

1. Answer any **four (4)** questions.
2. Each question carries **25 marks**.

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QUESTION	MARKS
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1. Discuss the relevance of Theo Thomassen's Archival Science theory in understanding the principles and practices of modern archives. **[25 marks]**
2. To what extent does the Zimbabwean National Archives Act of 1986 [Chapter 25:06] support the principles of social justice and inclusive memory preservation? **[25 marks]**
3. Examine the role of archives in maintaining or contesting societal hierarchies. **[25 marks]**
4. Compare and contrast the archival discourse of post-colonial Zimbabwe and post-apartheid South Africa. **[25 marks]**
5. Giving examples, explain five types of archival biases that influence the representation and accessibility of archives. **[25 marks]**
6. As a consultant for the ESARBICA Southern Region, discuss strategies you would put in place to decolonize the archival landscape within Southern African countries. **[25 marks]**

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