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VIRTUAL ARCHIVES SYSTEMS

IIM 4211

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**.

MARK ALLOCATION

QUESTION	MARKS
1.	25
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1. (a) Explain the virtual archives concept. **[5 marks]**
(b) Are virtual archives a reality or are they still in the realm of theory? Provide examples to support your argument. **[20 marks]**
[Total 25 marks]
2. Compare and contrast virtual archives with traditional archives. How do they differ in terms of preservation, access and management? **[25 marks]**
3. Develop a code of ethics for virtual archivists using an organisation or institution of your choice. **[25 marks]**
4. Discuss the legal framework that is needed for the creation and management of virtual archives in Zimbabwe. **[25 marks]**
5. Examine the potential of artificial intelligence in transforming virtual archives. **[25 marks]**
6. Justify, with the use of examples, the requisite skills and competencies that virtual archivists should possess and why? **[25 marks]**

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