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EXAMINATION FOR THE AWARD OF DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF LIBRARY AND INFORMATION STUDIES

BLIS 401: AUTOMATION OF LIBRARIES AND INFORMATION CENTRES

STREAMS:

TIME: 2 HOURS

DAY/DATE: FRIDAY 24/09/2021

8.30 A.M – 10.30 A.M

INSTRUCTIONS

- This examination paper has five (5) questions.
- Candidates are required to attempt question 1 and any other two questions
- No reference material of any kind should be carried into the examination room
- Do not write on the question paper
- Start every question on a fresh page

QUESTION ONE (30 MARKS)

- (a) Discuss five parts of a library automation system. [10 marks]
- (b) Discuss five criteria followed when selecting the right software for academic library housekeeping operations. [10 marks]
- (c) Evaluate five software features of an integrated library system. [10 marks]

QUESTION TWO (20 MARKS)

- (a) Explain FIVE functions of the acquisitions module of a library automation system. [10 marks]
- (b) Analyze five challenges of automating academic libraries in Kenya. [10 marks]

QUESTION THREE (20 MARKS)

- (a) Discuss FIVE causes of failure of library automation. [10 marks]

- (b) Examine FIVE bibliographic standards considered by library system software developer. [10 marks]

QUESTION FOUR (20 MARKS)

- (a) Explain FIVE steps of automating an academic library. [10 marks]
(b) Discuss FIVE networking devices for library automation system. [10 marks]

QUESTION FIVE

- (a) Discuss any FIVE types of integrated library automation systems. [10 marks]
(b) Analyze FIVE types of costs of automating an academic library. [10 marks]
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