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**EXAMINATION FOR THE AWARD OF DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN
INFORMATION SCIENCE**

BSIS 307: ABSTRACTING, INDEXING AND THESAURUS CONSTRUCTION

STREAMS: BS (IS)

TIME: 2 HOURS

DAY/DATE: MONDAY 12/07/2021

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 functions of abstracts and indexes in libraries. (10 marks)
- (b) Identify THREE guidelines followed when constructing thesaurus in a library. (6 marks)
- (c) Compare and contrast thesaurus and list of subject headings in a library. (8 marks)
- (d) Discuss any THREE steps of writing a research abstract. (6 marks)

QUESTION TWO (20 MARKS)

- (a) Discuss FOUR qualities of a good thesaurus that should be considered by an acquisition librarian. (4 marks)
- (b) Describe any FOUR types of terms commonly found in a thesaurus. (8 marks)
- (c) Analyze FOUR elements to be included in a structured abstracts. (8 marks)

QUESTION THREE (20 MARKS)

- (a) Discuss FOUR types of abstracts used in libraries. (8 marks)
- (b) Explain FOUR characteristics of a good abstract in a library. (8 marks)
- (c) Describe FOUR types of display in “relationships of terms” in a thesaurus. (4 marks)

QUESTION FOUR (20 MARKS)

- (a) Discuss FIVE steps of the indexing process of library information materials.(10 marks)
- (b) Explain FIVE uses of a thesaurus in information search in a library. (10 marks)

QUESTION FIVE (20 MARKS)

- (a) Discuss FIVE roles of an indexer in the process of indexing information resources. (10 marks)
 - (b) Discuss FIVE functions of a thesaurus in indexing. (10 marks)
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