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UNIVERSITY EXAMINATIONS

EXAMINATION FOR THE AWARD OF DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN INFORMATION SCIENCE & LIBRARY STUDIES

BSIS 307: ABSTRACTING, INDEXING AND THESAURUS CONSTRUCTION

STREAMS: **TIME:2 HOURS**

DAY/DATE: THURSDAY 13/04/2023   **11.30 A.M. –1.30 P.M.**

INSTRUCTIONS
1. This examination paper has **FIVE (5)** questions.
2. Candidates are required to attempt **QUESTION 1** and **ANY OTHER TWO** questions.
3. No reference material **OF ANY KIND** should be carried into the examination room.
4. **DO NOT** write on the question paper.
5. Start every question on a **FRESH** page.

QUESTION ONE

a) Explain FOUR reasons for recommending the use of abstracts in libraries.   (8 marks)

b) Discuss the usefulness of indexes in libraries.   (8 marks)

c) Distinguish between thesaurus and list of subject headings used in a library.   (8 marks)

d) Explain the procedure of writing a research abstract.   (6 marks)

QUESTION TWO

a) Explain factors to consider when choosing the right thesaurus for a library you work in.   (4 marks)

b) Thesaurus has distinct terms associated with it. Describe any FOUR of these terms.   (8 marks)

c) Discuss four components of a structured abstract.   (8 marks)

QUESTION THREE

a) There are various categories of abstracts in libraries. Discuss any FOUR.   (8 marks)

b) Discuss FOUR features of a good abstract in a library.   (8 marks)

c) Describe FOUR categories of display of relationships of terms in a thesaurus.   (4 marks)

QUESTION FOUR

a) Discuss the procedure of indexing of library information materials.   (10 marks)

b) Describe the usefulness of a thesaurus in searching and retrieval of information materials in a library.

(10 marks)

QUESTION FIVE

a) Explain FOUR activities of an indexer in the process of indexing information resources.   (8 marks)

b) Discuss the working of a thesaurus in a library.   (8 marks)

c) Outline the steps in the constructing of a thesaurus in a library.   (4 marks)