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

BSIS 130: INFORMATION SOURCES AND SERVICES

STREAMS: BSC (IS)

TIME: 2 HOURS

DAY/DATE: WEDNESDAY 11/12/2019

8.30 A.M – 10.30 A.M

INSTRUCTIONS

Answer question ONE and any other TWO questions

1. (a) Define the following terms; [4 marks]
 - (i) Information sources
 - (ii) Document
 - (iii) Citation verification service
 - (iv) Bibliographic control
- (b) Discuss four (4) criteria used in evaluating directories as sources of information. [8 marks]
- (c) Differentiate between primary, secondary and tertiary sources of information. [6 marks]
- (d) Discuss four (4) specific uses of encyclopedia in information services. [4 marks]
- (e) Discuss four (4) functions of dictionaries in information services. [8 marks]
2. (a) Discuss five (5) objectives of Bibliographies in information services. [10 marks]
- (b) Briefly discuss five (5) characteristics of current awareness service. [10 marks]
3. (a) Giving relevant examples, discuss five (5) types of information as identified by Hertz and Rubenstein. [10 marks]
- (b) Discuss with examples, five (5) types of printed media. [10 marks]

4. (a) Outline ten (10) competencies required of reference librarians in an academic institution. [10 marks]
- (b) Using examples, discuss five (5) functional phases of selection dissemination of information (SDI) . [10 marks]
5. (a) Using examples, compare and contrast information and reference service in provision of information. [10 marks]
- (b) Briefly discuss five essential features of indexes and abstracts. [10 marks]
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