



# **GRETSA UNIVERSITY - THIKA**

## **UNIVERSITY EXAMINATIONS JANUARY – APRIL 2021 SEMESTER**

### **CERTIFICATE IN INFORMATION SCIENCE**

**COURSE CODE: CIIS 002**

**COURSE TITLE: BASIC INFORMATION LITERACY**

**DATE: 10 MAY 2021**

**TIME: 3:00 PM – 5:00 PM**

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#### **INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES**

1. SECTION A IS **COMPULSORY**.
2. SECTION B: ANSWER ANY OTHER **THREE** QUESTIONS.
3. **DO NOT** WRITE ANYTHING ON THIS QUESTION PAPER AS IT WILL BE AN EXAM IRREGULARITY.
4. ALL ROUGH WORK SHOULD BE AT THE BACK OF YOUR ANSWER BOOKLET AND CROSSED OUT.

**CAUTION:** All exam rooms are under CCTV surveillance during the examination period.

## **SECTION A: COMPULSORY**

### **QUESTION ONE**

- a) Information literacy is part of the 21st Century survival literacies that everyone needs to possess in order to be competitive in the contemporary society. Briefly discuss five competencies of information literacy **[15 Marks]**
- b) You have been employed at Kenya National Library service (knls) Thika as the librarian in charge of information literacy. Highlight five steps you would use to create awareness of the available agricultural sources of information among the local coffee farmers **[10 Marks]**
- c) As an information literate graduate. Explain five criteria you would use to evaluate job advertisements before making application **[15 Marks]**

## **SECTION B: ANSWER ANY THREE QUESTIONS**

### **QUESTION TWO**

- a) Print books still remain the most preferred source of scholarly information despite availability of digital information in the internet. Why? **[10 Marks]**
- b) Discuss five alternative sources of scholarly information available to students and scholars apart from print books **[10 Marks]**

### **QUESTION THREE**

- a) As a Greta University student what is the benefit of acquiring information literacy skills **[10 Marks]**
- b) Discuss at least four areas in your personal life where you have successfully applied information literacy skills **[10 Marks]**

### **QUESTION FOUR**

- a) Briefly discuss five how information literacy is different from computer literacy **[15 Marks]**
- b) Suppose you have important visitors coming to visit you soon at home and you wish to prepare a special meal for them. Highlight five search strategies you would use in searching for information on the perfect menu online. **[5 Marks]**

### **QUESTION FIVE**

- a) Information users are expected to use information with an understanding of ethical and social economic issues surrounding information. Briefly discuss why plagiarism is an-ethical behavior? **[10 Marks]**

b) Reference the following works in APA style

[10 Marks]

<b>Title</b>	<b>Author</b>	<b>Publisher</b>	<b>Place of Publication</b>	<b>Date of publication</b>
9 <sup>th</sup> Kenyan Universities Exhibition	Commission for University Education	Government of Kenya Press	Nairobi	2011
Current Awareness Services	Alasdair Kemp	Pretece Hall	London	1978
The science and practice of short-term improved fallows	Cooper Buresh	Agroforestry Systems: an international journal	London	Pg. 13-36 Volume 47 2018
Information literacy as the foundation of lifelong learning	James Kirimi, Peter Kass & Buresh Cooper	Journal of Information Science	Nairobi	Issue 2 2018 pg. 688-701
Mathematical concepts	Marrill Weke	McGraw-hill	London, Nairobi, Boston	2017