



# **GRETSA UNIVERSITY - THIKA**

## **UNIVERSITY EXAMINATIONS MAY - AUGUST 2023 SEMESTER**

### **DIPLOMA IN LIBRARY AND INFORMATION SCIENCE**

**COURSE CODE: DILS 010**

**COURSE TITLE: DISSEMINATION OF INFORMATION**

**DATE: 1 AUGUST 2023**

**TIME: 3:00 PM – 6:00 PM**

#### **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) Define user education and describe the **three** levels of user education. [10 Marks]
- b) Explain the following terms;
- i. User Education
  - ii. Indexes
  - iii. Almanacs
  - iv. Yearbooks
  - v. Bibliographies [10 Marks]
- c) What is the role of computers in dissemination of information materials [10 Marks]
- d) Describe **five** qualities of a good reference librarian [10 Marks]

## SECTION B: ANSWER ANY THREE QUESTIONS

### Question Two

- a) Briefly discuss the **five** laws of Dr. Ranganathan [10 Marks]
- b) Describe any **five** methods of providing Current Awareness Services [10 Marks]

### Question Three

- a) Highlight any **five** challenges a librarian will encounter in establishing and maintaining current awareness services [10 Marks]
- b) Catalogues, abstracts, and indexes are examples of bibliographic sources. Give **five** reasons explaining why bibliographic information should be recorded systematically. [10 Marks]

### Question Four

- a) Explain **five** reasons why libraries need to carry out dissemination of information [10 Marks]
- b) What are some of the factors to be considered when setting up Selective dissemination of information (SDI). [10 Marks]

### Question Five

- a) Discuss **four** benefits of an abstract [10 Marks]
- b) Discuss the criteria followed in evaluation of reference sources [10 Marks]

### Question Six

- a) Give five limitations of a general bibliography as a tool of collection development [10 Marks]
- b) State the steps involved in the reference process and indicate the major considerations during the reference interview [10 Marks]