



GRETSA UNIVERSITY - THIKA

UNIVERSITY EXAMINATIONS MAY-AUGUST 2023 SEMESTER

DIPLOMA IN LIBRARY AND INFORMATION SCIENCE

COURSE CODE: DILS 017

COURSE TITLE: INFORMATION CLASSIFICATION

DATE:

TIME:

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) What is the purpose of a library classification scheme? **[10 marks]**
- b) List the 20 main classes of library of congress classification scheme (LCC) **[20 marks]**
- c) List the 10 main classes of Dewey decimal classification scheme (DDC) **[10 marks]**

SECTION B: ANSWER ANY THREE QUESTIONS

Question Two

- a) Differentiate the following terms
 - i. Broad and close classification
 - ii. Schedule and classification scheme
 - iii. Index and sears list of subject headings
 - iv. Call number and notation**[16 marks]**
- b) List four types of abstracts **[4 marks]**
- c)

Question three

- a) Describe characteristics of a good classification scheme **[10 marks]**
- b) Explain why librarians develops descriptive abstracts **[10 marks]**

Question Four

- a) Between DDC and LCC, which one will you chose for an academic institution? Justify your answer **[10 marks]**
- b) Identify key areas in a text where classifiers can get ideas of a subject content **[10 marks]**

Question five

a) Explain the relevance of a notation in a classification system

[8marks]

b) Discuss the merits of Dewey decimal classification scheme

[12 marks]