



# **GRETSA UNIVERSITY - THIKA**

**UNIVERSITY EXAMINATIONS  
MAY - AUGUST 2023 SEMESTER**

**DIPLOMA IN LIBRARY AND INFORMATION SCIENCE**

**COURSE CODE: DILS 022**

**COURSE TITLE: DISASTER AND RISK MANAGEMENT IN  
INFORMATION CENTRES**

**DATE:**

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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) Explain FIVE benefits of teaching disaster management to information science students  
[10 marks]
- b) Libraries and information centers are classified as high risk institutions. Explain  
[10 marks]
- c) Discuss four types of man-made disaster that can occur in an information centre  
[10 marks]
- d) Describe the key roles of media in disaster management with reference to an academic library  
[10 marks]

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

### **Question Two**

- a) Discuss the major emerging risks in the modern information environment  
[10 marks]
- b) Describe the various phases of disaster control  
[10 marks]
- a)

### **Question three**

- a) Using relevant examples, discuss the importance of disaster preparedness  
[20 marks]

### **Question Four**

- a) With the use of examples, discuss the FOUR main characteristics of disaster  
[10 marks]
- b) Kenya has developed a national disaster policy that is guided by certain specified objectives. Explain any FIVE of these objectives and indicate how each one of them would contribute towards disaster control in the country.  
10 marks]

### **Question five**

**a)** Define the following terms in the context of disaster management:

- i.** Disaster
- ii.** Disaster mitigation
- iii.** Risk management
- iv.** Disaster preparedness
- v.** Disaster management policy.

**[10 marks]**

**[10 marks]**

**b)** The main goal of disaster training is to assist the personnel of an institution to deal with emergency events and to cope with the aftermath. Using examples, discuss the aims of disaster management training.

**[10 marks]**

### **Question Six**

**a)** Disaster control plan has been described as the “framework around which good disaster Management works” (G. Matthews, 2003). “Discuss this statement using examples to illustrate your answer

**[20 marks]**