



GRETSA UNIVERSITY - THIKA

UNIVERSITY EXAMINATIONS MAY - AUGUST 2018 SEMESTER

DIPLOMA IN LIBRARY AND INFORMATION SCIENCE

COURSE CODE: DILS 010

COURSE TITLE: DISSEMINATION OF INFORMATION

DATE: 6 AUGUST 2018

TIME: 8:00AM – 11:00AM

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 role of computers in dissemination of information materials? **[10 marks]**
- b) Compare current awareness services (CAS) and Selective Dissemination of Information (SDI) **[10 marks]**
- c) Discuss the criteria for evaluation of Almanacs as reference sources of Information. **[10 marks]**
- d) Discuss the following terms as applied in dissemination of information
 - i. Reference Process **[3 marks]**
 - ii. Reference work **[3 marks]**
 - iii. Reference Interview **[4 marks]**

SECTION B: ANSWER ANY THREE QUESTIONS

Question Two

- a) What are some of the factors considered when adopting a search strategy? **[10 marks]**
- b) Discuss any five qualities of a reference librarian. **[10 marks]**

Question three

- a) What are the major requirements for effectiveness and efficiency of the current awareness service (CAS)? **[10 marks]**
- b) Highlight the problems an information professional is likely to encounter when establishing and maintaining an SDI services **[10 marks]**

Question Four

- a) What are some of the factors to be considered when setting up Selective dissemination of information (SDI). **[10 marks]**
- b) Why do you think it is critical to evaluate computer assisted reference services frequently? **[10 marks]**

Question five

- a) For ease in retrieval of information resources, it is essential that information centers conduct user education. Discuss the levels of user education **[10 marks]**
- b) Why do you think an index is relevant in an information center? **[10 marks]**

Question six

- a) Explain the procedure for preparing an abstract **[10 marks]**
- b) What are the major components of a user profile? **[10 marks]**