



GRETSA UNIVERSITY - THIKA

UNIVERSITY EXAMINATIONS MAY - AUGUST 2018 SEMESTER

DIPLOMA IN LIBRARY AND INFORMATION SCIENCE

COURSE CODE: DILS 013

COURSE TITLE: INTRODUCTION TO INFORMATION LITERACY

DATE: 9 AUGUST 2018

TIME: 11.30 AM – 2.30 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) In today's world, a set of survival literacies (21st Century Survival Literacies) have been identified as being required for success in today's society. Briefly discuss **five** survival skills that each students needs to acquire before graduating. **[15 marks]**
- b) You have been offered an internship opportunity at Mwangaza Hospital in the Knowledge Management Department where you discover nurses prefer to ask their colleagues when faced with an information problem. Discuss **five** strategies you would use to raise awareness of the need for them to acquire information literacy skills **[15 marks]**
- c) Melania Trump, designer, model, and wife of 2016 Republican presidential nominee Donald Trump was accused of plagiarizing former First Lady Michelle Obama's speech to the Democratic National Convention in 2008. What is plagiarism? And why is it a crime? **[10 marks]**

SECTION B: ANSWER ANY THREE QUESTIONS

Question Two

- a) Information literacy focuses on acquisition of skills to navigate through the information landscape. Discuss **five** competencies of an information literate person. **[10 marks]**
- b) The Library Department has invited students to register for upcoming Information Literacy Classes. Your colleague wonders why she should join the class yet she won't be examined. What is she likely to gain if she chooses to join the class? **[5 marks]**
- c) Information literacy has a life cycle. Identify the key stages of application of Information literacy. **[5 marks]**

Question Three

- a) The internet or World Wide Web as become leading source of information in the 21st century. Discuss **five** attributes of the internet that makes it a preferred sources of information. **[10 marks]**
- b) Suppose you have retrieved some information from the internet, discuss **five** factors that you would consider when evaluating this information **[10 marks]**

Question Four

- a) In today's information landscape characterized by information explosion, people are increasingly finding it hard to retrieve relevant information that meets their information needs. Discuss **three** search techniques to help someone get better results when perform searches online **[15 marks]**
- b) A citation in the documentation gives authoritative sources for your statements, highlight the different parts of a citation. **[5 marks]**

Question Five

- a) Suppose you have been selected to make a presentation to the University management on why you need cleaning services at the hostels. Discuss the **key elements** of presentation you would consider when preparing for your presentation. **[15 marks]**
- b) How would you organise your presentation? **[5 marks]**

Question Six

- a) Users of information are expected to use information with an understanding of ethical and social economic issues surrounding information. Briefly discuss **five** ethical issues affecting use of internet based information. **(15mks)**
- b) Reference the following woks in APA style **[5 marks]**
- I. Chris Dede, Comparing Frameworks for 21st Century Skills, Harvard Graduate School of Education, 2009
 - II. Are millennials more likely to switch jobs and employers, Psychology Today, March 29, 2015
 - III. Murnane, Richard J.; Levy, Frank (1996). Teaching the New Basic Skills: Principles for Educating Children to Thrive in a Changing Economy. New York: Free Press.
 - IV. AAC&U - Recent Trends in General Education Design, Learning Outcomes, and Teaching Approaches, 2015
 - V. Erik Brynjolfsson and Andrew McAfee, The Second Machine Age: Work, Progress, and Prosperity in a Time of Brilliant Technologies (W. W. Norton & Company, 2014)