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MAIN EXAMINATION

AUGUST – DECEMBER 2016 TRIMESTER

FACULTY OF SCIENCE

DEPARTMENT OF LIBRARY AND INFORMATION SCIENCE

REGULAR PROGRAMME

GS 103: INTRODUCTION TO INFORMATION LITERACY

Date: DECEMBER 2016

Duration: 2 Hours

INSTRUCTIONS: Answer Question ONE and any other TWO Questions

- Q1 a) In your opinion why is the generation, access and sharing of knowledge a critical factor in the efforts towards achieving sustainable development **(10 marks)**
- b) **Explain six (6)** reasons you will consider acquiring Secondary sources to facilitate legal research in your firm. **(5 marks)**
- c) Online academic resources have both pros and cons. Discuss. **(8 marks)**
- d) Briefly discuss the issues you would consider in evaluating the authoritativeness of information sources. **(6 marks)**
- Q2 a). Explain your understanding of “sustainable development” and briefly explain its four (4) key dimensions **(10 marks)**
- b) Explain the finding that “Students who have information literacy skills take on challenges of higher learning with success”. Discuss. **(10 marks)**
- Q3 a) Explain the criteria you would apply to assess the level of one’s information literacy **(5 marks)**
- b) Discuss five (5) measures you would take to avoid plagiarism in scholarly writing. **(5 marks)**

- c) Distinguish between mandatory or persuasive legal information sources. Illustrate your answer with examples. **(2 marks)**
- d) Justify the need for a well-planned search strategy in retrieval of information. **(3 marks)**
- Q4 a) You have been given an assignment that involves searching and retrieving relevant electronic information sources. Describe the process you would use to ensure success in this task. **(12 marks)**
- b) Online resources are vital in legal studies. Identify four (4) e-databases that you would refer in retrieval of information in law studies. **(2 marks)**
- c) Discuss the role of the library catalogue in information retrieval in libraries. **(3 marks)**
- d) Explain how the following techniques may assist in retrieval of precise literature from an electronic database. **(3 marks)**
- Q5 a) Briefly discuss five (5) methods you would use in taking notes for a term paper assignment. **(10 marks)**
- b) “In the university setting, the library exists to assist students, faculty members and researchers carry out their academic activities whether it is learning, teaching or research”. Justify this opinion by identifying (5) key services you will consider using in your academic work **(5 marks)**
- c) Outline five (5) characteristics of a quality term paper **(5 marks)**

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