



THE CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY OF EASTERN AFRICA

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MAIN EXAMINATION

MAY – JULY 2018 TRIMESTER

FACULTY OF SCIENCE

DEPARTMENT OF LIBRARY AND INFORMATION SCIENCE

PART TIME PROGRAMME

GS 108: INTRODUCTION TO INFORMATION LITERACY

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Duration: 2 Hours

INSTRUCTIONS: Answer Question ONE and ANY OTHER TWO Questions

- Q1. a). The generation, access and sharing of knowledge a critical factor in the efforts towards achieving sustainable development. Discuss. **(10 marks)**
- b). Define the term *reference sources*. Explain four (4) reasons you will consider using reference sources in your academic writing assignment. **(5 marks)**
- c). Identify Online academic resources have both pros and cons. Discuss **(10 marks)**
- d). Briefly discuss key factors that determine the authoritativeness of information sources **(5 marks)**
- Q2 a). Explain your understanding of “sustainable development” and briefly explain its four (4) key dimensions **(10 marks)**
- b). “Students who have information literacy (IL) skills take on challenges of higher learning with success”. Discuss with due consideration to the role of IL in the society. **(10 marks)**
- Q3. a). Explain the criteria you would apply to assess the level of an individual’s information literacy **(5 marks)**
- b). Discuss five (5) measures you would take to avoid plagiarism in scholarly writing **(5 marks)**

- c). Distinguish between primary and tertiary literature **(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 academic writing assignment. Describe the process you would use to search and retrieve electronic information sources to fulfill this task. **(12 marks)**
- b). Online resources are vital in academic studies. Identify four (4) e-databases that you would refer in retrieval of information in education and social sciences **(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
- (i). Boolean operators **(1 mark)**
 - (ii). Truncation **(1 mark)**
 - (ii). Field **(1 mark)**
- Q5. a). Identify and briefly discuss five (5) techniques of taking notes **(10 marks)**
- b). Outline five (5) key library services you will consider using in your academic work **(5 marks)**
- c). Outline five (5) factors that affect the value on information in its application **(5 marks)**

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