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**MAIN EXAMINATION**

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**DEPARTMENT OF LIBRARY AND INFORMATION SCIENCE**

**REGULAR PROGRAMME**

**LIS 303: GOVERNMENT INFORMATION RESOURCES**

**Date: DECEMBER 2018**

**Duration: 2 Hours**

**INSTRUCTIONS: Answer Question ONE and ANY OTHER TWO Questions**

- Q1. a) Define
- i) Government **(2 marks)**
  - ii) Government information resources **(2 marks)**
  - iii) Public information services agency/department **(2 marks)**
- b) Kenya is a multi-party democratic state with two levels of government. Briefly describe the two levels of Kenyan government **(6 marks)**
- c) Briefly describe areas / platforms where one can have access to government information. **(8 marks)**
- d) Discuss FIVE Advantages of government information resources **(10 marks)**
- Q2. a) List FIVE public information services offered by Kenyan government **(5 marks)**
- b) Government information resources can be classified in several ways. Discuss the government information resources classification by content **(15marks)**
- Q3. a) For Public Service Delivery, Kenyan government is increasingly using, Internet, Intranet, Extranet, collaborative and communication tools to implement governance systems. Describe some of the benefits associated to the government use of these systems. **(5 marks)**

- b) Kenya's government is structured through the constitution with administrative and policy making powers being distributed to its three arms. Identify and briefly discuss each of the arms of Kenyan government **(15 marks)**
- Q4. a) Briefly discuss five challenges of freedom of information access in view of information policy parameters **(10 marks)**
- b) E-governance is the application of ICT to the functioning of the government. Coupled with necessary political support as well requisite process reforms it can go a long way in facilitating good governance. Discuss FIVE benefits of e-governance. **(10 marks)**
- Q5. a) Discuss FOUR essential government publications. **(8 marks)**
- b) Discuss FOUR advocacy issues for the role of government libraries as sources of government information **(8 marks)**
- c) Intellectual Property encompasses a variety of rights and items owned by businesses. You can safeguard your intellectual property with the help of laws that grant you certain time-limited rights to control the use of your intellectual goods and services. Briefly discuss these laws or rights **(4 marks)**

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