



THE CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY OF EASTERN AFRICA

A. M. E. C. E. A

P.O. Box 62157

00200 Nairobi - KENYA

Telephone: 891601-6

MAIN EXAMINATION

JANUARY – APRIL 2019 TRIMESTER

FACULTY OF SCIENCE

DEPARTMENT OF LIBRARY AND INFORMATION SCIENCE

REGULAR PROGRAMME

GSL 103 / GS 108: INFORMATION LITERACY SKILLS

Date: APRIL 2019

Duration: 2 Hours

INSTRUCTIONS: Answer Question ONE and ANY OTHER TWO Questions

- Q1. a) Differentiate between information literacy and computer literacy **(6 Marks)**
- b) You have been given an assignment that requires the use of primary source materials. Identify SIX sources that you would consult **(3 Marks)**
- c) Use the latest APA Referencing style to compile a reference for a book that has the following descriptive details: Authored by Leo Juma and Watson Baraka. The book is a fifth edition titled: An introduction to effective communication with a sub title, intrapersonal communication. It was published by KIE in Nairobi and the copyright year is 2014 **(6 Marks)**
- d) Information literacy does not cease when the degree is achieved, but must be viewed as a lifelong learning commitment. Briefly discuss this statement **(5 Marks)**
- e) Using examples, explain why knowledge is crucial in enhancing social sustainability in your country **(10 Marks)**
- Q2. a) Discuss the importance of information literacy in your:
i) Studies and research **(2 Marks)**
ii) Everyday life **(2 Marks)**
- b) Explain why it is important to enhance your ability to select and use information sources provided by your libraries vis-à-vis those that are freely available on the internet? **(6 Marks)**

- c) Identify and briefly describe FIVE of the criteria used to evaluate an information source **(10 Marks)**
- Q3. a) Define the following search strategies
i) Boolean operator **(2 Marks)**
ii) Natural language query **(2 Marks)**
- b) What are the implications of confusing the 'AND' and the "OR" Boolean operators during an online search? **(4 Marks)**
- c) Highlight SIX advantages and SIX disadvantages of using electronic information sources **(12 Marks)**
- Q4. a) Using appropriate examples, discuss the relevance of being knowledgeable on the following when you have an information task **(10 Marks)**
i) Library rules and regulations
ii) Electronic resources
iii) Online Public Access Catalogue
iv) Citations
v) Peer reviewed journal
- b) Identify TWO note taking styles **(1 Mark)**
- c) Discuss the steps followed when taking notes **(9 Marks)**
- Q5. a) Define plagiarism and explain **FOUR** ways through which you can avoid Plagiarism when writing a research paper? **(6 Marks)**
- b) In your opinion, do social media technologies present special copyright problems? Explain. **(4 Marks)**
- c) Discuss the process involved in writing an effective research paper **(10 Marks)**

END