

THE OPEN UNIVERSITY OF SRI LANKA
FACULTY OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES
INFORMATION STUDIES UNIT
BA DEGREE IN LIBRARY AND INFORMATION STUDIES
FINAL EXAMINATION LEVEL 5 (SEMESTER II) – 2018/2019
HSU5306 – TYPES OF LIBRARIES AND INFORMATION SERVICES



DURATION: THREE (03) HOURS ONLY.

Date: 14th July 2019

Time: 1.30pm – 4.30pm

Instructions:

- Answer only **five (05)** questions.
- All questions carry equal marks.

1. a. Humphreys has divided functions of a National Library into three categories. Name and briefly discuss those categories. (10 marks)
- b. Explain the main functions of the National Library of Sri Lanka? (10 marks)

2. Discuss with example how an academic library would support teaching, learning and research functions of the University. (20 marks)

3. a. What are the differences between an academic library and a special library? (5 marks)
- b. Discuss the importance of the government and special libraries for a country's economic and social progression. (15 marks)

4. Discuss with examples different strategies that a school librarian can adopt in developing reading habits among school students. (20 marks)

5. Discuss with examples how you can satisfy different demands of public library user groups. (20 marks)

6. Discuss the importance of user studies for library service planning and development. (20 marks)

7. Among the different services of a library, reference service is extremely important. Discuss with examples the role of the reference librarian.

(20 marks)

8. User specific services in a library are of different types.
 - a. Explain briefly the user specific services that can be initiated for special user categories. (10 marks)
 - b. Discuss with examples the different forms of 'Extension Services' available in public libraries. (10 marks)

9. Discuss the important factors that you must consider while designing the types of information products. (20 marks)

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