

THE OPEN UNIVERSITY OF SRI LANKA  
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FACULTY OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES  
BA DEGREE IN LIBRARY AND INFORMATION STUDIES  
LEVEL 5 (SEMESTER I)  
HSU5603 – ADVANCED LIBRARY CLASSIFICATION  
FINAL EXAMINATION – 2019/2020



**DURATION: THREE (03) HOURS ONLY**

Date: 7<sup>th</sup> March 2020

Time: 01.30 p.m. – 04.30 p.m.

**Instructions:**

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

1.
  - i. What are the needs and purposes of library classification? (10 marks)
  - ii. Discuss the features of knowledge classification systems. (10 marks)
2.
  - i. What do you mean by theory of library classification? (10 marks)
  - ii. Describe descriptive theory of library classification. (10 marks)
3.
  - i. Discuss the differences between enumerative classification and faceted classification with examples. (10 marks)
  - ii. Compare Almost-Enumerative classification and Almost-Faceted classification. (10 marks)
4.
  - i. What are the differences between General library classification schemes and Special library classification schemes? (10 marks)
  - ii. Discuss the characteristics of National Library of Medicine Classification (NLMC) system. (10 marks)

5. Examine the process of number building with Common Auxiliary Tables of Universal Decimal Classification system with examples. (20 marks)
6. i. Examine the structure of Colon Classification system. (10 marks)  
ii. Explain the method introduced by Colon Classification system for subject analysis. (10 marks)
7. Write short notes (4 Marks each)
- a. Library of Congress Classification system
  - b. Vedic classification of India
  - c. Mnemonic value in library classification
  - d. Classification of Buddhist literature
  - e. Notation
8. i. What are the number building methods introduced by Dewey Decimal Classification system. (08 Marks)  
ii. Explain the application of auxiliary tables provided by Dewey Decimal Classification system for number building with examples. (12 Marks)
9. i. What are the reasons to adopt DDC as a library classification system all over the world? (10 marks)  
ii. What are the advantages and disadvantages of Web Dewey? (10 Marks)