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THE OPEN UNIVERSITY OF SRI LANKA
FACULTY OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES
INFORMATION STUDIES UNIT
BA IN LIBRARY AND INFORMATION STUDIES
FINAL EXAMINATION – 2024/25
LEVEL 5 (SEMESTER I)
HSU5603- ADVANCED LIBRARY CLASSIFICATION



DURATION: THREE (03) HOURS ONLY

Date: 25.08.2024

Time: 1.30-4.30pm

Instructions

Answer only **five (05)** questions.

All questions carry equal marks.

1. i. What do you mean by 'library classification'? Explain it giving two authorized definitions. (05 marks)
ii. Discuss in detail five (5) objectives of library classification, giving examples. (15 marks)
2. Describe historical background and development of four (04) knowledge classification systems known to you. (20 marks)
3. i. Briefly explain two stages of development theory of library classification. (10 marks)
ii. Discuss two eminent scholars known to you who contributed to the development of descriptive theory. (10 marks)
4. i. According to Dr. SR Ranganathan all classification systems are divided into five types. Name them. (05 marks)
ii. Discuss the differences between enumerative and faceted classification systems with examples. (15 marks)
5. Discuss and compare similarities available in the Universal Decimal Classification system and DDC system with examples. (20 marks)

- 6 i. Briefly describe auxiliary tables of Universal Decimal Classification system. (05 marks)
- ii. Explain common auxiliary signs stated in Universal Decimal Classification system. (05 marks)
- iii. Discuss the five (05) benefits of using Universal Decimal Classification system for libraries. (10 marks)
- 7 i. Describe the structure of Dewey Decimal Classification. (10 marks)
- ii. Discuss features of Dewey Decimal Classification system giving examples. (10 marks)
- 8 i. DDC included different types of notes. Explain three notes giving examples. (10 marks)
- ii. Write relevant classification numbers using DDC.
- a. International relations
 - b. French etymology
 - c. Mineralogy
 - d. Roof covering
 - e. Historical Geography
- (1x5=5marks)
- iii. Find relevant subject from DDC.
- a. 491.48
 - b. 423
 - c. 302.23
 - d. 294.3
 - e. 954.93
- (1x5 =5 marks)
- 9 i. Write short notes on four (04) of the following.
- a. Dr. SR Ranganatha
 - b. National Library of Medicine Classification (NLM)
 - c. Common Auxiliary signs of UDC
 - d. Components of Library of Congress (LC) call number
 - e. Five fundamental categories of Colon Classification (CC)
 - f. Mnemonics
- (5x4=20 marks)