THE OPEN UNIVERSITY OF SRI LANKA
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INFORMATION STUDIES UNIT
BA IN LIBRARY AND INFORMATION STUDIES
FINAL EXAMINATION – 2024/25
LEVEL 3 (SEMESTER I)
HSU3604- FUNDAMENTALS OF LIBRARY CLASSIFICATION

DURATION: 3 hours

Date:25.08.2024   Time: 9.30 am – 12.30 pm

Instructions
Answer only 05 questions.
All questions carry equal marks.

1   i   What do you mean by general classification, discuss.   (5 marks)
    ii.   Explain what library classification is, giving examples.   (5 marks)
    iii   Describe four (04) purposes of library classification with examples.   (10 marks)

2   Briefly discuss four out of seven knowledge classification stages given below.
          Vedic, Greek, Scholastic, Baconian, Kant, Hobbes, Comet.   (20 marks)

3   i   Explain the 'call number' with its elements.   (5 marks)
    ii   Describe what is 'book number' giving three uses of book number.   (5 marks)
    iii   Describe what is 'collection number' giving examples for different collections.
                                                                                (10 marks)

4   i.   Write four basic features of library classification systems.   (8 marks)
    ii.   Explain mnemonics introduced by Dr. SR Ranganathan using examples.   (12 marks)

5   i.   Write down ten main classes of DDC.   (5 marks)
    ii.   How many auxiliary tables are included in DDC 21st edition and 22nd edition? Give
          numbers.   (7 marks)
    iii. Write names of the DDC tables.   (8 marks)

6   i.   Before classifying a book, we need to identify the subject of the book according to
          key elements. Briefly discuss those key elements.   (10 marks)
    ii.   Six steps should be considered when classifying a book. Explain those step by step.
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7   i.   Briefly explain the structure of DDC.   (5 marks)
    ii.   Write five advantages of DDC system.   (5 marks)
    iii. Describe five disadvantages of DDC system.   (10 marks)

8   Write class number for the following subjects using DDC manual given to you.

i.	Economics	ii.	Education
iii.	Sociology & Anthropology	iv.	Geography
v.	Diseases	vi.	Political science
vii.	Cooperative	viii.	Botany
ix.	Animal husbandry	x.	Religion
xi.	Miscellany	xii.	Philosophy
xiii.	Stage presentation	xiv.	Agriculture
xv.	Food technology	xvi.	Management
xvii.	French fiction	xviii.	Health science
xix.	Ethics	xx.	Buddhism

(20 marks)

9   Write short notes on four (04) of the following. (5 marks each)
          i.   Dewey Decimal Classification (DDC)
          ii.   Dr. S. R. Ranganathan
          iii. Accession number
          iv.   Dynamic theory of classification
          v.   DDC schedules
          vi.   Standard subdivisions   (4x5 =20 mark)