

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 3 (SEMESTER I)
 HSU3301 – LIBRARIES, LIBRARIANSHIP AND INFORMATION STUDIES



DURATION: 3 hours

Date: 24.08.2024

Time: 9.30 am - 12.30 pm

Instructions

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

1. i. Briefly explain 'what is a library'? 5 marks
 ii. What do you mean by 'Library Resources' explain with examples. 5 marks
 iii. Describe how 'Resource Organizations' are useful for effective 'Access' to materials. 10 marks
2. i. Who is the library User? Explain. 4 marks
 ii. Give a brief comparison on traditional libraries and modern libraries. 6 marks
 iii. Describe five (05) challenges faced by a traditional library today. 10 marks
3. i. Briefly explain the five (05) features of a modern library. 10 marks
 ii. Explain five (05) benefits of computerized and automated library services. 10 marks
4. i. Explain the main differences between libraries and archives. 10 marks
 ii. Explain ten (10) basic rules in using archival collections. 10 marks
5. i. Briefly explain how the prominent world civilizations and library culture had emerged during pre-Christian era along the famous river valleys. 10 marks
 ii. The clay tablets had been in existence from 3750 BC -612 BC, as a knowledge storage medium. Explain briefly the evidence of clay tablet libraries that existed in the pre-Christian era. 10 marks

6. i. What are the main writing media used during pre-Christian era to Christian era, describe briefly at least four. 8 marks
- ii. Explain the contribution made by the Chinese culture to the world literary tradition during the pre-Christian era to Christian era. 12 marks
7. i. Write down the stages of printing beginning from Wood Block printing to 3D. 9 marks
- ii. Write a brief account on introducing printing system to Ceylon by Dutch. 5 marks
- iii. Write six (06) main monastic libraries that were evident in history in Sri Lanka during the historic era. 6 marks
8. i. Write six important skills that need to be propagated as Library & Information Science professional 6 marks
- ii. Write down 4 main roles played by a professional librarian today 4 marks
- iii. Explain five (05) features of the facilitator role of the librarian. 10 marks
- 9 Write short notes on 4 of the topics given below. Each carry 5 marks.
- i. Library without walls
- ii. Current Awareness services
- iii. Pinakes of Alexandria
- iv. Chained books in Christian era
- v. Bamboo books
- vi. Department of National Archives of Sri Lanka 20 marks