

THE OPEN UNIVERSITY OF SRI LANKA
 INFORMATION STUDIES UNIT
 BA IN LIBRARY AND INFORMATION STUDIES
 FINAL EXAMINATION – 2022
 LEVEL 5 (SEMESTER II)
 HSU5306- TYPES OF LIBRARIES AND INFORMATION SERVICES



DURATION: 3 hours only

Date: 19.11.2022

Time: 9.30am-12.30pm

Instructions

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Answer only five (05) questions

All questions carry equal marks

01. The National Library can be introduced as the umbrella institution of the library system of a country. Answer the following questions keeping this in mind.
 - I. According to Dr. Nahari's interpretation, what are the three types of functions of a national library? (3 marks)
 - II. Give a brief explanation about legal deposit of the national library by defining it using authorized definition. (5 marks)
 - III. Briefly introduce National Library and Documentation Services Board of Sri Lanka and explain 03 important functions carried out by it with examples. (12 marks)
02. An academic library always supports teaching, learning and research activities to achieve the objectives of the parent institution.
 Define what an academic library is and explain 05 important functions done by it. (20 marks)
03. I. What is the special library, define (02 marks)
 ii. Indicate three (03) specific characteristics of the special library? (03 marks)
 iii. Explain three important services provided to the users by a special library of your choice with examples. (15 marks)
04. Explain the role of the school librarian as a mediator of learning, stating five (05) tasks. (20 marks)

05. Discuss the main services provided by the public libraries for two specific reader communities of your selection with examples (Ex: Children, Senior citizens, students, professionals etc.)

(20 marks)

06. The most important people in the library are the users. It is the responsibility of a library to identify the user needs.

Briefly explain the 06 important steps used in planning to conduct user studies. (20 marks)

07. In the provision of library services to differently-abled users, libraries must pay attention to amending and introducing services and facilities to suit their needs.

I. What are the four categories that should be paid special attention to when providing services to differently-abled users? (04 marks)

II. Describe the services and facilities provided by a library to differently-abled users under the four service categories indicated above by giving 2 examples each. (16 marks)

08. "Information repackaging can save time, labor, and cost of the user."

i. What is Information Repackaging?

(03 marks)

II. Mention 03 importance of information repackaging.

(03 marks)

iii. Briefly explain the process of compiling information repackaging. (14 marks)

09. Write short notes on any 4 topics of the following.

i. Information products

ii. Information services

iii. User categories

iv. User needs

v. SDI services (Selective dissemination of information)

vi. Ps of marketing mix

(4x5 = 20 marks)