THE OPEN UNIVERSITY OF SRI LANKA
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BA IN LIBRARY AND INFORMATION STUDIES
FINAL EXAMINATION - 2023
LEVEL 5 (SEMESTER I)
HSU5301-INFORMATION AND KNOWLEDGE SOCIETY

DURATION: 3 hours

Date: 05.08. 2023	**Time: 01.30pm - 4.30pm**

Instructions: Index No:/Reg.No:
  ➤ Answer only <u>five (05)</u> questions.
  ➤ All questions carry equal marks.

1. i. Briefly explain five basic features of Pre- Industrial Society. (10 marks)

    ii. Briefly explain five basic characteristics of Industrial Society. (10 marks)

2. "Post Industrial society has created new trends and advantages in library services".
    Explain this statement by selecting one type of library with five examples. (Eg: Public library). (20 marks)

3. i. Briefly explain the difference between information products and knowledge products.
                                                                                     (10 marks)
    ii. Briefly explain five main characteristics of knowledge economy. (10 marks)

4. i. Write five important characteristics that are visible in information economy.
                                                                                     (5 marks)
    ii. Briefly explain how information behaves within the information economy as a commodity with five examples. (15 marks)

5. i. Write four causes that mostly affect information poverty. (8 marks)

    ii. "Briefly explain how public librarians can apply social informatics to reduce information poverty among their users'.(12 marks)

6. i. What are the three dimensions of information environment? (6 marks)

    ii. Briefly explain what is digital living and complexities of digital living. (14 marks)

7.   Briefly explain the importance of identifying a community's information needs and community information categories in providing library services. (20 marks)

8.   i. What is meant by e-government? (10 marks)
      ii. Briefly explain the significance of e-government approach for the librarians?
                                                                    (10 marks)

9.   Write short notes on any four (04) of the following topics

         I.   Issues Related to usage of ICTs
         II.   eWOM
         III.   Daniel Bell
         IV.   Communities of interests
         V.   Digital Divide
         VI.   Cyberspace   (4x5=20 marks)