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 FACULTY OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES  
 BA HONOURS IN LIBRARY AND INFORMATION STUDIES  
 FINAL EXAMINATION – 2025/26  
 LEVEL 6 (SEMESTER I)  
 HSU6308-PRESERVATION AND CONSERVATION OF  
 LIBRARY RESOURCES



DURATION: THREE (03) HOURS ONLY

Date: 27.09.2025

Time: 9.30am. - 12.30pm.

Instructions

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- Answer only five (05) questions.
  - All questions carry equal marks (20 marks).
1.
    - i. What is meant by digital preservation, explain briefly 3 marks
    - ii. Explain the concept of preservation giving authorized definition 5 marks
    - ii. Explain in detail history of library preservation supporting examples 12 marks
  2.
    - i. List five (5) different types of paper and briefly describe two (2) types of paper 8 marks
    - ii. Describe the history of paper making and its process indicating ingredients and tools needed 12 marks
  3.
    - i. What is meant by preventive conservation? Explain with examples 4 marks
    - ii. Describe four (4) traditional preventive measures known to you 8 marks
    - iii. Think that you are a Librarian of any organization, Describe four (4) modern preventive measures that you follow in your library to protect library materials giving reasons 8 marks
  4.
    - i. What is physical deterioration of paper-based library materials? describe in detail 8 marks
    - ii. Explain in detail four (4) causes of physical deterioration and four (4) steps that can be taken to minimize them 12 marks

5. i. What are the biological agents responsible for paper deterioration? Discuss in detail supporting examples 8 marks
- ii. Explain in detail as a Librarian, how do you arrange the library materials to minimize biological deterioration with justifications 12 marks
6. i. Describe in detail two (2) types of manuscripts found in a library depository and write down their storage methods 5 marks
- ii. Describe in detail five (5) roles of a document conservator in safeguarding library collections 15 marks
7. i. What is meant by the restoration of library materials? discuss in detail 4 marks
- ii. Discuss the challenges faced by the libraries in Sri Lanka in the restoration of damage library materials 6 marks
- ii. Describe three paper analysis methods in detail with examples 10 marks
8. i. What are audiovisual materials? define using authorized definition 5 marks
- ii. "Prevention is better than cure" same theory can be applied to library material protection also. Describe proper 5 AV material storage and handling methods to ensure their long-lasting 15 marks
9. Write short notes on the following
- i. De-acidification of papers
  - ii. Biological agents that destroy the library collection
  - iii. Microfilming
  - iv. Library pest control
  - v. Ways of disaster management in libraries
  - vi. Book binding
- 5x4= 20 marks