

THE OPEN UNIVERSITY OF SRI LANKA  
 INFORMATION STUDIES UNIT  
 FACULTY OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES  
 BA HONOURS IN LIBRARY AND INFORMATION STUDIES  
 FINAL EXAMINATION – 2025/26  
 LEVEL 5 (SEMESTER I)  
 HSU5602 - ADVANCED LIBRARY CATALOGUING



**DURATION: THREE (03) HOURS ONLY**

**Date: 04.10.2025**

**Time: 1.30pm. - 4.30pm.**

**Instructions**

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- Answer only five (05) questions.
- All questions carry equal marks (20 marks).

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| 1. | i. Discuss what information organization is on your own words giving examples  | 4 marks  |
|    | ii. Explain how information organization is done by the Librarian  | 6 marks  |
|    | iii. 'Information organization is not compulsory activity in modern digital environment as computers do it'.<br>Present your argument supporting or opposing this statement.         | 10 marks |
| 2. | 'As we live in digitized environment, users can get access to digital information from variety of channels without visiting a library'.<br>Prove this argument discussing 5 reasons. | 20 marks |
| 3. | i. What is the controlled vocabulary, explain  | 4 marks  |
|    | ii. 'Subject analysis should be done to create effective information retrieval environment for users, discuss the statement giving four (4) reasons.                                 | 8 marks  |
|    | iii. Discuss the four (4) importances of learning subject analysis as a LIS student.   | 8 marks  |
| 4. | i. Describe in short four (4) functions of authority control.  | 2 marks  |
|    | ii. Name two (2) international authority files.  | 2 marks  |
|    | iii. Describe in detail the importance of authority control in digital era than in the past.<br>Give at least three (3) reasons.   | 6 marks  |
|    | iv. Why authority control is important for librarians, explain with examples giving five (5) reasons.  | 10 marks |

5. i. Define what an access point is giving authorized definition. 2 marks  
 ii. Explain four (4) roles of the access points in library catalogue giving examples. 8 marks  
 iii. Describe how librarians create access points for library catalogue giving appropriate examples, describe at least five methods. 10 marks
6. i. What is RDA, describe in short 4 marks  
 ii. Write a description on AACR2 stating two benefits 4 marks  
 iii. Write brief history of subject headings 4 marks  
 iv. What is the role of international standards used for cataloguing, state four (4) roles and explain. 8marks
7. i. Define metadata on your own words. 2 marks  
 ii. Write four (4) metadata standards used in cataloguing. 2 marks  
 iii. Describe in detail three (3) roles of metadata. 6 marks  
 iv. Discuss in detail the relationship between metadata and librarian with examples. 10 marks
8. Write 2 main entries using bibliographic information given below

<u>Website</u>	<u>E-book</u>
Ministry of Finance Planning and economic development.  Colombo Title is taken from the home page. Viewed on Sep.2 2025/ updated regularly/ One website  It gives information on Exports & Imports Trade Balance/economic indicators/exchange rates/export import trade balance/total government debt/total domestic debt/total foreign debt  URL: <a href="https://www.treasury.gov.lk/">https://www.treasury.gov.lk/</a>  Class no: 338.9  <div style="text-align: right;">10 marks</div>	COMPUTER ASSISTED LEARNING by Smith Anderson and Mary Anderson 3 <sup>rd</sup> edition / 2024 Blackwell Publishing/London, Milton Keynes \$35 URL: <a href="https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/abs/10.1034/">https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/abs/10.1034/</a> Physical description: 1560KB/ills. Print version is also available  Class no:371.334  <div style="text-align: right;">10 marks</div>

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

- i. Metadata types
- ii. Medical subject heading
- iii. Descriptive cataloguing
- iv. Types of authority files
- v. Filing rules
- vi. GMD

5x4=20 marks