

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 4 (SEMESTER I)
 HSU4301 – BIBLIOGRAPHIC CONTROL: CONCEPT AND PRACTICE



DURATION: THREE (03) HOURS ONLY

Date: 19.10.2025

Time: 9.30am – 12.30pm

Instructions

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

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| 1. | i. Briefly explain main three (03) concepts emerged in bibliographic control? | 8 marks |
| | ii. Define bibliographic control. Provide three (03) formal definitions on bibliographic control. | 12 marks |
| 2. | Explain how cataloguing practices contributed to the bibliographic control from the beginning to modern technology. | 20 marks |
| 3. | i. Briefly explain what the Bibliographic Record (BR) is. | 5 marks |
| | ii. What is bibliographic data exchange? Describe | 5 marks |
| | iii. Briefly explain the functions of Bibliographic Data (BD). | 10 marks |
| 4. | Authority Control emerged with the proliferation of information and knowledge materials. Describe the significance of authority control in libraries with examples. | 20 marks |

5. i. Briefly discuss why the library standards are necessary to achieve bibliographic control. 10marks
- ii. Explain two (02) international standards widely used for any of the library functions familiar to you. 10 marks
6. i. Describe what is library cooperation giving examples 08 marks
- ii. Describe three (03) examples for Bibliographic Utility Networks. 12 marks
7. i. Explain five (05) challenges in bibliographic control in the digital era 10 marks
- ii. Describe with examples how a modern librarian can address these challenges effectively. 10 marks
8. i. Explain the role of Sri Lanka National Library Services Board for the bibliographic control at national level. 10 marks
- ii. Explain the main bibliographic control tools published by the National Library Services Board. 10 marks
9. Write short notes on any four (04) of the following topics
- i. National Museum library
 - ii. Bibliography as a bibliographic control tool
 - iii. Legal deposit law
 - iv. Indexing work and services
 - v. Abstracting work and services
 - vi. Web of Science
- 5x4=20 marks