THE OPEN UNIVERSITY OF SRI LANKA
FACULTY OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES
INFORMATION STUDIES UNIT
BA HONOURS IN LIBRARY AND INFORMATION STUDIES
FINAL EXAMINATION - 2025/26
LEVEL 3 (SEMESTER II)
HSU3305: TYPES AND MANAGEMENT OF LIBRARY INFORMATION RESOURCES

DURATION: THREE (03) HOURS ONLY

Date: 16.05.2026 **Time: 9.30a.m.-12.30p.m.**

Instructions

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

1.i.	Briefly explain the difference between "data" and "information."	04 marks
ii.	What types of information resources are commonly used for academic research? Explain with examples.	06 marks
iii.	Describe the advantages and disadvantages of using print information resources compared to digital resources.	10 marks
2. i	Define, what is Library Management?	02 marks
ii.	Briefly explain the role of the librarian as manager of the library?	06 marks
iii.	Describe three managerial roles of a librarian in Information Resource Management.	12 marks
3. i.	Define, what is Library Acquisition?	02 marks
ii.	Explain why 'book selection' is important when purchasing books for libraries.	06 marks
iii.	Describe the different approaches librarians use to select books and other materials.	12 marks
4. i.	Explain five methods use by librarians to acquire library resources.	10 marks
ii.	Discuss the benefits and challenges of each method that you explained above.	10 marks

5. i. Define, what is Serial? 02 marks

ii. What is the key difference between serial acquisition and the acquisition of books? 04 marks

iii. Briefly explain three methods of acquiring serials in a library. 05 marks

iv. Describe the steps of serials acquisition process. 09 marks

6. i. Explain briefly five importances of processing information resources in the library? 10 marks

ii. Describe five key activities involved in the physical processing of library materials. 10 marks

7 . i. Explain briefly the difference between conservation and restoration. 04 marks

ii. Describe how "pre-conservation" can be carried out before library conservation. 08 marks

iii. "Man is the main enemy of libraries" Discuss this statement, providing examples. 08 marks

8. i. Define, what is book binding? 04 marks

ii. Briefly explain the four (4) different types of bookbinding methods. 08 marks

iii. Describe the four (4) importances of book binding for a library. 08 marks

9. Write short notes on any four (4) topics given below.

i. Accession register
ii. E-Journals
iii. Administrative tasks perform in the library
iv. Open Educational Resources (OER)
v. User – Centric Services
vi. Drury's principles 5x4=20 marks