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**EXAMINATION FOR THE AWARD OF DEGREE OF MASTER OF SCIENCE IN
INFORMATION SCIENCE**

MSIS 811: DIGITAL LIBRARIES AND INFORMATION SYSTEMS

STREAMS: MSIS

TIME: 3 HOURS

DAY/DATE: MONDAY 12/07/2021

2.30 P.M. – 5.30 P.M.

INSTRUCTIONS:

- **This examination paper has FOUR (4) questions.**
- **Candidates are required to attempt ANY OTHER THREE questions.**
- **No reference material OF ANY KIND should be carried into the examination room.**
- **DO NOT write on the question paper.**
- **Start every question on a FRESH page.**

QUESTION ONE (20 MARKS)

Digital libraries have today converted the world into a global learning infrastructure.
Analyze this statement. (20 marks)

QUESTION TWO (20 MARKS)

Institutional repositories are helping libraries reinvent themselves without being passive receivers of information but active disseminators of intellectual output for entire universities.
Discuss. (20 marks)

QUESTION THREE (20 MARKS)

The reasons for having a repository in an academic institution are so compelling, the advantages so obvious, the payoff so potentially large, that no institution seriously intent upon its mission and upon enhancing its profile and internal functioning, will want to disadvantage itself badly by not having one. Critique this statement. (20 marks)

QUESTION FOUR (20 MARKS)

In reference to fair use, discuss the circumstances under which libraries are allowed to copy digital resources. Discuss. (20 marks)
