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FOURTH YEAR EXAMINATION FOR THE AWARD OF DEGREE OF BACHELOR
OF SCIENCE IN INFORMATION SCIENCE

BSIS 441: INFORMATION LAW, POLICY AND SOCIETY

SREAMS: BSIS

TIME: 2 HOURS

DAY/DATE: WEDNESDAY 11/12/2019

11.30 A.M. – 1.30 P.M.

INSTRUCTIONS:

- Answer question ONE and any other TWO questions
- Do not write anything on this question paper

QUESTION ONE (30 MARKS)

- (a) Define the following terms [6 marks]
- Information
 - Copyright
 - Information society
 - Plagiarism
 - Patent
 - Law
- (b) Explain FOUR reasons why people seek for information [8 marks]
- (c) Explain six reasons why a county needs to have an information policy. [12 marks]
- (d) Mention FOUR different facets of human resources that need attention in formulating an information policy in a given society [4 marks]

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QUESTION TWO (20 MARKS)

- (a) Describe hierarchy of steps in a framework formulating a national information policy [10 marks]
- (b) Explain FIVE benefits of copyrights and other related rights [10 marks]

QUESTION THREE (20 MARKS)

- (a) Discuss the future application of ICT for information handling that might introduce sea changes in society. [12 marks]
- (b) State and explain FOUR reasons why countries need to promote and protect intellectual property? [8 marks]

QUESTION FOUR (20 MARKS)

- (a) “Access to information is fundamental in a society that is governed by the rule of law”. Discuss [14 marks]
- (b) Show the THREE distinctions between a geographical indication and a trademark concept as used under intellectual property. [6 marks]

QUESTION FIVE (20 MARKS)

Discuss the distinction between Parliament, judiciary and executive as per their constitution of Kenyan mandate [20 marks]
