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

BSIS 307: ABSTRACTING, INDEXING AND THESAURUS CONTRUCTION

STREAMS: BSC (IS)

TIME: 2 HOURS

DAY/DATE: MONDAY 06/04/2020

11.30 A.M. – 1.30 P.M.

INSTRUCTIONS:

- This examination paper has FIVE (5) questions
- Candidates are required to attempt question ONE and any TWO questions
- No reference materials of any kind should be carried into the examination room
- Do not write on the question paper
- Start every question on a fresh page

1. (a) Discuss FOUR functions of abstracts in libraries [8 marks]
(b) Explain FOUR functions of indexes in libraries [8 marks]
(c) Compare and contrast thesaurus and list of subject headlines in a library [8 marks]
(d) Discuss any THREE steps of writing a research abstract [6 marks]
2. (a) Discuss FOUR qualities of a good thesaurus that should be considered by an acquisition librarian. [4 marks]
(b) Describe any FOUR types of terms commonly found in a thesaurus. [8 marks]
(c) Analyze FOUR elements to be included in a structured abstract. [8 marks]
3. (a) Discuss FOUR types of abstracts used in libraries. [8 marks]
(b) Explain FOUR characteristics of a good abstract in a library [8 marks]
(c) Describe FOUR types of display or relationships of terms in a thesaurus [4 marks]

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4. (a) Discuss FIVE steps of indexing process of library information materials [10 marks]
- (b) Explain FIVE uses of a thesaurus in searching and retrieval of information materials in a library. [10 marks]
5. (a) Discuss FOUR roles of an indexer in the process of indexing information resources. [8 marks]
- (b) Discuss FOUR functions of a thesaurus in a library [8 marks]
- (c) Identify FOUR guidelines followed when constructing thesaurus in a library [4 marks]
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