



KENYATTA UNIVERSITY
DIGITAL SCHOOL OF VIRTUAL AND OPEN LEARNING (DSVOL)
EXAMINATION FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF LIBRARY AND
INFORMATION SCIENCE

ISC 108: INTERNATIONAL AND CONTEMPORARY ISSUES IN INFORMATION
SCIENCE

2ND TRIMESTER 2022/2023

TIME: 2 HOURS

INSTRUCTIONS: ANSWER QUESTION ONE AND ANY OTHER TWO QUESTIONS.

1. (a) Identify and explain the four (4) stages of human development and their effect on the growth of library services. (8 marks)
- (b) Using an illustration, define the term communication. (4 marks)
- (c) Briefly describe the five (5) principles of librarianship as espoused by S.R. Ranganathan the father of the subject. (10 marks)
- (d) Identify and explain four (4) competencies in personal attributes of an information professional. (8 marks)
2. (a) Briefly define the term information literacy. 2 marks)
- (b) Briefly describe five (5) categories of literacy. (10 marks)
- (c) Explain four (4) elements of information literacy that were proclaimed by the Alexandria UNESCO meeting of 2005. (8 marks)
3. Discuss ten (10) factors hindering the development of public libraries in the Eastern African Region. (20 marks)
4. Describe five (5) contemporary issues facing information centres in the 21st century, (20 marks)
5. (a) Identify and explain five (5) factors that may determine whether a society is on track of becoming an information society of the 21st century. (15 marks)
- (b) Briefly explain three (3) ways of measuring levels of an information society. (5 marks)