



KENYATTA UNIVERSITY

DIGITAL SCHOOL OF VIRTUAL AND OPEN LEARNING (DSVOL)

**EXAMINATION FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF LIBRARY AND INFORMATION
SCIENCE**

ISC 408: INFORMATION SOURCES AND SYSTEMS

1ST TRIMESTER 2024/2025

TIME: 2 HOURS

INSTRUCTIONS: Answer question one and any other two.

1. a) Discuss the importance of abstracts and indexes in a library. (10 marks)
b) Explain the differences and similarities between primary and secondary information sources. (20 marks)
2. a) Discuss the steps for transacting a reference interview. (10 marks)
b) Discuss any five characteristics of an information need. (10 marks)
3. What factors would you consider in evaluating electronic information sources? (20 marks)
4. Citing relevant examples, explain the usefulness of primary information sources. (20 marks)
5. Using relevant examples, explain how Boolean search logic is applied in information searching and retrieval. (20 marks)