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EXAMINATION FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF EDUCATION

ELS 403: AUTOMATION IN LIBRARIES AND INFORMATION CENTRES

DATE: THURSDAY, 3RD FEBRUARY 2011

TIME: 4.30 P.M – 6.30 P.M

INSTRUCTIONS

Answer any THREE questions.

1. Explain 10 benefits of library automation to library staff and users.
2. Explain the advantages and disadvantages of commercial or Turnkey Library management systems.
3. Explain the procedure involved in circulation (issues and returns) of library materials using an automated system.
4. Explain 10 types of costs involved in automation of a library.
5. Discuss the implementation stage of a library automation project with particular emphasis on the approaches used.