



KENYATTA UNIVERSITY

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**SECOND SEMESTER EXAMINATION FOR THE DEGREE OF MASTER OF
LIBRARY AND INFORMATION SCIENCE**

ISC 804: INFORMATION RETRIEVAL

DATE: FRIDAY 12TH MAY 2017

TIME: 9.00 A.M. - 12.00 P.M.

INSTRUCTIONS

Answer Question One and any other Two.

1. Discuss the concept of subject analysis in information retrieval (15 marks)
 - b) Boolean queries combine terms with operators that define the context of the terms. Discuss this statement and give appropriate examples. (15 marks)
2. Discuss how you would translate an information need into a search strategy.
3. What is the value of Thesaurus in both indexing and retrieval of information?
4. How can you evaluate an information retrieval system?
5. Discuss the value of web-based information retrieval to users and indexes.