



KENYATTA UNIVERSITY

UNIVERSITY EXAMINATIONS 2010/2011

**FIRST SEMESTER EXAMINATION FOR THE DEGREE OF MASTER OF
LIBRARY & INFORMATION SCIENCE**

MLIS 501: INFORMATION ORGANIZATION II: CLASSIFICATION

DATE: Tuesday 23rd November 2010

TIME: 2.00p.m – 5.00p.m

INSTRUCTIONS:

Answer any THREE questions

1. As the chief librarian appointed to head a newly-established university library, discuss the factors you would consider in selecting a suitable classification scheme for use in the library.
2. Using appropriate examples to illustrate your answer, discuss the principles of division that should be observed in any kind of classification.
3. Why are general classification schemes used in special libraries despite their unsuitability for such libraries?
4. As classification is the foundation of librarianship, so is the notation the basis of practical book classification. Discuss.
5. Discuss the shortcomings of library stock classification by subject.