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

MLIS 501 : INFORMATION ORGANIZATION II : CLASSIFICATION

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DATE: TUESDAY 1ST FEBRUARY 2011

TIME: 9.00 A.M. - 12.00 NOON

INSTRUCTIONS

Answer any THREE questions.

1. Explain the shortcomings or weaknesses of the Dewey decimal classification scheme clearly showing how they came about.
2. Discuss the value of book notation in classification.
3.
 - a) Explain broken and parallel orders of arrangement giving circumstances under which they occur.
 - b) Give the problems likely to arise from the two orders and suggest possible solutions.
4. Discuss the benefits that accrue from library stock classification by subject.
5. Explain why general classification schemes are considered unsuitable for special libraries.