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EXAMINATION FOR THE DEGREE OF MASTER OF LIBRARY AND
INFORMATION SCIENCE

MLIS 517: INFORMATION SOCIETY

DATE: Monday, 31st January, 2011

TIME: 9.00 a.m. – 12.00 p.m.

INSTRUCTIONS:

Answer any **THREE** questions.

1. Discuss any SEVEN socio-economic factors that have contributed positively to social changes in the modern information society.
2.
 - a) What is digital divide?
 - b) Giving appropriate examples, explain SIX major hindrances to the bridging of this gap and suggest possible solutions.
3.
 - a) What are the various advantages of electronic commerce in a developing country?
 - b) Highlight FIVE challenges likely to be encountered in electronic commerce.
4. Discuss SEVEN measures that should be put in place to facilitate access to information according to Kenya Freedom of Information Bill of 2007. What are the likely challenges towards this move?

5. The activities which were carried out manually in libraries with so much pain and strain are being carried out smoothly with the help of information technology (IT) with greater effectiveness. Discuss.