



KENYATTA UNIVERSITY

UNIVERSITY EXAMINATIONS 2010/2011

**FIRST SEMESTER EXAMINATION FOR THE DEGREE OF MASTER OF
SCIENCE (RECORDS MANAGEMENT AND ARCHIVES
ADMINISTRATION)**

**MRA 600: PRESERVATION AND CONSERVATION OF INFORMATION
RESOURCES**

DATE: Wednesday, 24th November, 2010

TIME: 2.00 p.m. – 5.00 p.m.

INSTRUCTIONS:

Answer any **THREE** questions.

1. Inherent characteristics of the Media of Information resources is one of the factors that pose preservation challenges. Discuss with reference to three types of media.
2. Discuss the factors that you would put into consideration when selecting the type of medium to use for format conversion as a preservation mechanism.
3. Describe two biological and two physical factors that contribute to the deterioration of information resources, citing examples of specific media.
4. Discuss the role of Information Communications Technology in preservation of information resources.
5. Within the context of a developing country like Kenya, discuss the design and implementation of a preservation programme in a university.