

SEMESTER ONE 2024/25

INFORMATION STUDIES

IL20220: INFORMATION IN A CHANGING WORLD

Time allowed: **1 HOUR AND 30 MINUTES**

Answer **TWO** questions

STUDENTS MAY SUBMIT ANSWERS TO THIS PAPER IN EITHER WELSH OR ENGLISH

Once seated, students may complete the front cover of the answer book(s) and the attendance slip ONLY.

DO NOT TURN THE EXAMINATION QUESTION PAPER OVER UNTIL INSTRUCTED TO DO SO.

1. Describe and critically discuss the role of academic libraries, focusing on at least three areas of activity/service provision.
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2. Describe the continuing role and value of the public library in the 21st century.
[50%]
3. Describe the main characteristics of audio-visual information, and why the preservation and archiving of moving images is an important part of understanding our heritage. Include examples of relevant organisations in your discussion as appropriate.
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4. Is censorship possible or justifiable in the age of the internet? Discuss, including examples from recent and past events.
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5. What in your view is meant by the term 'Intellectual Freedom'? Discuss, with examples, its continuing relevance for the library and information profession.
[50%]
6. Outline the meaning of the term 'digital divide', and discuss its impact on individuals and society. What measures have been undertaken to overcome this issue?
[50%]

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