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EXAMINATION QUESTION PAPER

MODULE TITLE:

INFORMATION AND DIGITAL SKILLS

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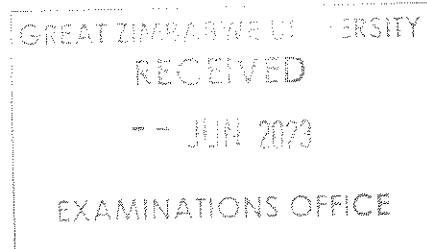
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INSTRUCTIONS

Answer all questions in Section A

Answer any two questions from Section B.

Section A

1. Which of the following best describes "information literacy"?
 - a. The ability to find reliable information
 - b. The ability to read
 - c. The ability to use a computer
 - d. None of the above
2. The first step in the research process is:
 - a. To search Google for interesting websites
 - b. To define the task of the research project.
 - c. To ask the librarian for help.
 - d. To search the library catalog for useful books.
3. What is the ability to find, understand, evaluate, and incorporate information from a variety of sources?
 - a. Critical thinking
 - b. Information literacy
 - c. Virtual libraries
 - d. None of the above
4. The area of the library where you would go to get help with a strategy for a research project is:
 - a. Special Collections
 - b. Reference Desk
 - c. Circulation Desk
 - d. Periodicals Collection
5. Is it ethical for you to use the ideas of another person in a research paper?
 - a. Yes, but only if you ask their permission.
 - b. Yes, but only if you give them credit.
 - c. Yes, but only if you use their exact words.
 - d. Yes, but only if you do not use their exact words.
6. To find what books a library has, you use a:
 - a. Bibliography
 - b. An index
 - c. A library catalogue
 - d. None of the above
7. The library catalogue provides call numbers for:

- a. Books
 - b. Journal articles
 - c. Both of the above
 - d. None of the above
8. Which is NOT true about scholarly journals:
- a. Their articles usually have documentation such as footnotes and references
 - b. Their articles are often peer-reviewed
 - c. Their articles are usually authored by journalists
 - d. None of the above
9. Peer-reviewed journal articles are:
- a. Pre-selected for an appropriate reading level
 - b. Written by academic scholars
 - c. Positively rated by book reviewers
 - d. None of the above
10. In order to correctly reference information obtained from a print book, which of the following is needed?
- a. URL, date, article title, database name
 - b. Author, date, title, place of publication, IP address
 - c. Author, date, title, place of publication, publisher
 - d. Search engine used, date updated, IP address
11. To evaluate website accuracy and reliability, which of the following is most important?
- a. Authority, title, interface, URL
 - b. Interface, style, accuracy, URL
 - c. Authority, purpose, date, references
 - d. References, URL, date, style
12. A primary source is:
- a. The first reference book written on a subject.
 - b. The most important work written on a subject.
 - c. The only acceptable research source.
 - d. Written by someone who experienced the subject.
13. Give examples of primary sources of information:
- a. Newspaper articles, journal articles, books
 - b. Books, letters, diaries, speeches, diaries
 - c. Great Zimbabwe University Library
 - d. Bibliography, dictionary, encyclopaedia

14. What is the challenge of relying on human sources of information?
- Payment will be requested
 - Provision of information from own point of view
 - Provision of quality and up to date information
 - Provision of reliable information
15. What is the advantage of archives as a source of information?
- Provide up to date information
 - Resources can be loaned to users,
 - Preserve and make accessible records of enduring value
 - Provide a quiet environment for research
16. What is the internet:
- Computers operating at a university
 - Computers gathered together
 - Network of computer networks around the world that enable people to access information
 - World Wide Web
17. An encyclopedia can be used for:
- Basic information on a topic.
 - Word definitions.
 - Finding quotes.
 - Finding word synonyms
18. Give three example of databases you can use to access scholarly information:
- Firefox, Safari, Opera Mini
 - Google, chrome, internet explorer
 - Moodle, EZProxy, Student Portal
 - Ebook central, Jstor, Emerald
19. Give 3 examples of periodicals:
- Textbook, Speech, Observation
 - Newspapers, Magazines, Journals
 - Books, Computers, Internet
 - Dictionary, Wikipedia, Encyclopedia
20. Which is the best strategy when you find too much information?
- Broaden your question
 - Narrow your question
 - Change your topic
 - Only use the first few results

Section B

Answer any two questions from this section

Question B1

- a. Using relevant academic examples, discuss at least five qualities of an Information Literate individual. [40]
- b. Journals are useful sources of research information. Using relevant academic examples, discuss the advantages of using this type of information. [40]

Question B2

In relation to characteristics of an Information Literate Individual, discuss what is meant by:

- a. Recognise the need for information – timely (as a basis for intelligent decision-making).
- b. Identify potential source (s) of information – from a vast available.
- c. Develop successful and effective search strategies.
- d. Evaluate information obtained meaningfully.
- e. Organise information obtained effectively for practical application, or in critical thinking and problem-solving situations. [80]

Question B3

- a. List and explain three terms used in the evaluation of information sources. [30]
- b. Discuss five reasons for referencing or citing sources you would have used in your research. [50]

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