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BLIS 2309: DATABASES AND INFORMATION RETRIEVAL

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MARKS: 100

3 HOURS

INSTRUCTIONS

- Answer **FOUR** questions **ONLY**

QUESTION 1

Define each of the following terms:

- a. Database (5)
- b. Information retrieval (5)
- c. Boolean operators (5)
- d. Website (5)
- e. Search engine (5) [25]

QUESTION 2

Describe any five types of databases . [25]

QUESTION 3

- a. Discuss the components of an information retrieval.

OR

- b. Discuss the components of databases.

[25]

QUESTION 4

Using appropriate examples, discuss the use of Boolean search operators in online information retrieval. [25]

QUESTION 5

- a. Define a search strategy? (5)
- b. Briefly state notes the phases or activities involved in search preparation. (20)

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