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**BLIS 2310 - INFORMATION ETHICS**

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**MARKS: 100**

**3 HOURS**

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**INSTRUCTIONS**

- Answer **ALL** the questions

**QUESTION 1**

- a) What does the acronym BOAI stand for? (3)
- b) Define Open Access Movement. (8)
- c) As far back as 23 September, 2011, the National University of Lesotho became a signatory to an international protocol/principle embracing openness. What is the name of that protocol? (3)

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**QUESTION 2**

Information Ethics poses contradictory legal regimes such as Copyright on the one hand, and Open Access on the other hand. In support of this statement:

- a) Mention four laws/practices which are similar to Copyright in advocating closure and restrictions to use of information. (8)
- b) Mention four practices which embrace openness and free accessibility to information and its use. (8)
- c) Mention three categories of censorship that a librarian should know. (6)

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**QUESTION 3**

- a) State any two similarities between the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and Codes of Ethics of professional bodies. (8)
- b) Briefly describe any two similarities between the Nurses Pledge and the Commitment of the Association of Computing Machineries (ACM). (8)

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**QUESTION 4**

- a) Define Artificial Intelligence (AI). (8)
- b) Briefly describe what in your opinion is an advantage of applying AI in libraries. (5)

c) Describe briefly what in your opinion is a disadvantage of use of AI in libraries. (5)

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**QUESTION 5**

a) The digital era poses several risks to libraries. Mention any two types of such risks. (6)

b) Briefly describe any three areas defining the roles and duties of a librarian in promoting digital wellness and citizenship. (12)

c) Mention four points of “Warning” that library users should be made aware of. (12)

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