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LIS 1303: TRENDS IN LIBRARIES DEVELOPMENT

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MARKS: 100

3 HOURS

INSTRUCTIONS:

- Answer all Questions
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QUESTION 1

- a) How did the ancient libraries such as library of Alexandria contribute to the preservation and dissemination of knowledge? (6)
- b) Who considered the first professional librarian? State their responsibilities? (9)
- c) How did the invention of the printing Press in the 15th Century impact the accessibility of books and the role of libraries (10)

QUESTION 2

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- a) Explain in detail your understanding of Reference Services (5)
- b) Library Reference have undergone significant changes as a result of the new trends and developments in ICTs. Discuss those changes under the following four broad themes:
 - i. New trends of Reference Sources (5)
 - ii. New trends of Reference Interview (5)
 - iii. Collaborative Digital Reference Services (5)
 - iv. Non-Library based Information Services (5)

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QUESTION 3

- a) In what ways have libraries adapted to the challenges posed by the digital age, and how do they continue to evolve in the 21st century? (10)
- b) How did the role of libraries change during the Renaissance and what emerged during this period? (15)

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QUESTION 4

- a) How has the current libraries developed in terms of the following:
 - i. Opportunities (5)
 - ii. Challenges (5)
 - iii. Changing landscape (5)
 - iv. Services (5)
 - v. Knowledge (5)

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