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LIS 2301 - NATIONAL AND ACADEMIC LIBRARIES

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MARKS 100

3 HOURS

INSTRUCTIONS:

- Answer all questions
 - Write neatly and clearly
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QUESTION 1

- a) Mention any six types of National Libraries. (12)
- b) Define an Academic Library in detail. (8)
- c) Briefly describe four key stakeholders that Academic Libraries focus on. (16)
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QUESTION 2

- a) State clearly, two advantages accruing to a library serving as a national agency for ISBNs. (8)
- b) Mention any two benefits of ISBNs. (8)
- c) Briefly explain how the agency that is responsible for the ISSNs in Lesotho performs that task. (8)
- [24]**

QUESTION 3

- a) In addition to the conventional functions of an academic library, in several cases in Africa, academic libraries tend to perform tasks that would normally belong to national libraries. Discuss this statement and with two examples occurring in two different academic libraries in two different countries. (10)
- b) With the example of any two specific projects/tasks performed or being performed by the Library of the National University of Lesotho, briefly **argue** whether or not, in your view this library is one of those cases that may be said to perform in competition with the Lesotho National Library Services. (10)
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QUESTION 4

- a) Both the academic and national libraries have a role to play in contributing to development. Mention any six areas in which these libraries play a developmental role. (12)
- b) Select any two of the mentioned areas of development and briefly state how these libraries contribute to development. (8)
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