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MARKS 100

3 HOURS

INSTRUCTIONS:

- Answer all questions
- Write neatly and clearly

QUESTION 1

- a) Define elaborately the concept of Global Information Society. (8)
- b) Mention and describe briefly the two-phased forum called WSIS, stating what was its purpose, when and where it took place, any four types of its key participants, including final pronouncements that were agreed upon and formally declared. (12)
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QUESTION 2

- a) Define “Innovation” within the context of post-WSIS innovative library services. (6)
- b) Mention any four principles that also serve as opportunities for successful “Innovations”. (8)
- c) State one reason why innovations should be applied in library and information services. (6)
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QUESTION 3

- a) Define Artificial Intelligence. (6)
- b) State any three possible advantages of Artificial Intelligence in libraries (12)
- c) Describe any three likely threats posed by application of Artificial Intelligence in libraries (12)
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QUESTION 4

In June 2022, the United Nations organised a forum to review progress on SDGs. With particular reference to librarians, focus was on “*Informed Societies and Integrity in Public Information*” whereby librarians were called upon to forge towards the attainment of SDGs by strengthening information society, ensuring informed communities and the public at large. That notwithstanding, trends are such that on the one hand constraints and challenges prevail, while on the other hand opportunities do exist. In that respect:

- a) Mention any three GIS-related trends that positively support SDGs. (12)
- b) Briefly explain any two GIS-related trends which are a challenge to SDGs. (10)
- c) The era of ICTs has transformed formats and management of ISBN and ISSN, comment. (8)
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