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LIS 4301 – AFRICAN LIBRARIANSHIP

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MARKS: 100

3 HOURS

INSTRUCTIONS

- Answer Compulsory questions 1, 2, and 3.
- Choose and answer **ONLY** one between questions 4 and 5.
- Answer in complete sentences.
- Write neatly and clearly.

QUESTION 1

- a) Aina (2004) asserts that, in Africa, the art of writing, drawing, recording and reciting detailed knowledge, preceded the notion and the current practice of a library. Comment briefly. (9)
- b) It is argued that African Librarianship is a borrowed practice on the continent. Briefly discuss. (9)
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QUESTION 2

- a) Select and specify the names of any **two** schools of Library and Information Studies that have been established and are operating in Africa. Describe any **three** key commonalities of those two selected schools. (12)
- b) State briefly in what way a school of Library and Information Studies has a role to play in professional development of a country in which that school operates. (6)
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QUESTION 3

- a) In considering performance of African Librarianship, appropriate Standards may be applied. In that respect, define **Standards** in detail. (8)
- b) Mention any three reasons/rationale for putting **Standards** in place. (12)
- c) Name any four major authorities that set Standards in Library and Information Studies. (8)
- d) State any two features which according to Archie Dick's analysis of the *New African Librarian*, define the future of Academic libraries in Africa. (8)
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QUESTION 4

Select and compare any **two** countries in relation to their national/public and academic libraries, applying any of two **Standards** that have been set by relevant global or local authorities. (14)

QUESTION 5

Clearly discuss how IFLA is contributing in the advancement of African Librarianship, taking into account IFLA's recent restructuring, and how IFLA's structure has affected the continent, the programs and membership in general. (14)