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B. L. I. Sc. DEGREE (C.S.S.) EXAMINATION
First Semester
BLIS1CRT03 - INFORMATION SOURCES AND SERVICES
(2024 Admission Onwards)

Time: 3 Hours

Max. Weight: 30

Part A (Short Answer Questions)

*Answer any **eight** questions in half a page*

Weight 1 each

1. What are non-print resources? Provide two examples.
2. What is a patent? Who grants patents in India?
3. How is a union catalogue different from a regular library catalogue?
4. What does NICNET stand for, and what is its role?
5. Discuss subject gateways/portals.
6. How does NKN contribute to research and higher education in India?
7. What are the key features of Web of Science that make it useful for academic research?
8. What is AGRIS? Please give a short explanation.
9. What is the importance of ProQuest in research?
10. What is an almanac, and how is it different from a yearbook?

[8 x 1 = 8 weightage]

Part B (Short Essay Questions)

*Answer any **six** questions on one page*

Weight 2 each

11. Elaborate on Current Awareness Services (CAS) and their importance in libraries.
12. Why are primary resources important for academic research?
13. Explain the role of NISCAIR in scientific communication and information dissemination.
14. What is trade literature? Briefly explain its importance.
15. Discuss different types of geographical information sources.

16. Write a note on ShodhGanga.
17. Explain the role and importance of OCLC in global library cooperation.
18. Differentiate between Ready Reference Service and Long-Range Reference Service.

[6 x 2 = 12 weightages]

Part C (Essay Questions)

*Answer any **two** questions on three pages*

Weight 5 each

19. Discuss how primary, secondary, and tertiary sources differ in terms of their characteristics and usage.
20. Discuss the advantages and challenges of using open access databases in libraries.
21. Describe e-journals, e-books, and ETDs, and explain their importance in digital libraries.
22. Compare INFLIBNET and DELNET in terms of their functions and services.

[2 x 5 = 10 weightages]