



NATIONAL OPEN UNIVERSITY OF NIGERIA
FACULTY OF EDUCATION
DEPARTMENT OF LIBRARY & INFORMATION SCIENCE
2021_2 EXAMINATIONS

COURSE CODE: LIS 306:

COURSE TITLE: INDEXING AND ABSTRACTING

CREDIT UNIT: 2 UNITS

INSTRUCTIONS: Answer THREE (3) Questions ONLY. **Question one is COMPULSORY**

Time Allowed: 2 hrs 15 mins

1.
 - a. What is Information Retrieval? (3 marks)
 - b. List and Explain five (5) functions of an Index in Information Retrieval (15 marks)
 - c. Discuss the following indexing systems:
 - i. Pre-coordinate Indexing System (6 marks)
 - ii. Post-coordinate Indexing System (6 marks)
2. Write short notes on the following:
 - a. Indicative Abstracts (10 marks)
 - b. Information Abstracts (10 marks)
3. "A good abstract should represent the content of the object; a proxy of the original work." Discuss Three (3) qualities of a good abstract. (20 marks)
4.
 - a. What is a Thesaurus? (5 marks)
 - b. Explain the use of Controlled Vocabulary in Thesaurus construction (5 marks)
 - c. What is the relationship between Taxonomies and Controlled Vocabularies in indexing? (10 marks)
5. State Five (5) major purposes of professional abstracts (20 marks)