

NATIONAL OPEN UNIVERSITY OF NIGERIA Department of Library and Information Science 2024 2 EXAMINATION

Course Title: Information Retrieval (Cataloguing II), (LIS 303)

Time Allowed: 2HOURS 15 MINUTES

Instruction: Please carefully read and take note of the instruction below:

Answer 3 questions in all; No. 1 is compulsory and carries 30 marks and any other
two questions carrying 20 marks each. (2 Credit Units)

Question 1: 30mks

1a. what do you understand by the term "indexing language"? (5 marks)

1b. List and give three features of each of the generations of information retrieval (7 marks)

1c. Examine any four (4) common information retrieval tools used by information professionals and users globally (18 marks)

Question 2: 20mks

2. As an information system expert, identify and discuss the three (3) indexing languages you would use in information retrieval systems (20 marks)

Question 3: 20mks

3. Examine at least five (5) web search strategies you would adopt to retrieve relevant information from a digital information system (20 marks)

Question 4: 20mks

4. Discuss the characteristics and information needs of at least three (3) categories of users of information retrieval systems (20 marks)

Question 5: 20mks

5. Outline and discuss the five (5) sequential steps in the information retrieval process (20 marks)