**UNIVERSITY OF KABIANGA**

**UNIVERSITY EXAMINATIONS**

**2017/2018 ACADEMIC YEAR**

**FIRST YEAR FIRST SEMESTER EXAMINATION**

**FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF INFORMATION SCIENCE AND KNOWLEDGE MANAGEMENT**

**COURSE CODE: ISK 116**

**COURSE TITLE: INFORMATION SOURCES.**

**DATE: 6/2/2018**

**TIME: 2.00 P.M-5.00 P.M**

**INSTRUCTIONS:**

ANSWER **QUESTION ONE** AND ANY OTHER **TWO** QUESTIONS.

**QUESTION ONE**

a) Describe the type of information sources found in the following centers:

i. Art gallery. (3 marks)

ii. Museum. (3 marks)

iii. Digital libraries. (3 marks)

b) Discuss **two** reasons why an information professional should know the sources of information. (6 marks)

c) Describe and give an example of each of the following sources of information:

i. Primary. (5 marks)

ii. Secondary. (5 marks)

iii. Tertiary. (5 marks)

**QUESTION TWO**

a) Define the following:

i. An "index" (2 marks)

ii. An "abstract" (2 marks)

iii. Differentiate between an index and an abstract. (4 marks)

iv. Show the main similarity between an index and an abstract. (4 marks)

b) Discuss **four** reasons why indexes are important sources of information. (8 marks)

**QUESTION THREE**

a) Describe a 'serial' as an information source. (4 marks)

b) Using examples, explain the **two** types of serials. (6 marks)

c) Discuss **five** main reasons why serials are an important sources of information. (10 marks)

**QUESTION FOUR**

a) Describe an 'Encyclopaedia' and give an example. (4 marks)

b) Using examples, describe **two** types of encyclopedias. (6 marks)

c) Describe **two** main reasons why encyclopedias are important sources of information. (4 marks)

d) Discuss **two** reasons why major encyclopedias produce yearbooks. (6 marks)

**QUESTION FIVE**

a) Distinguish between a user 'need' and 'want'. (4 marks)

b) Explain 'user need assessment'. (4 marks)

c) Describe **four** methods used in assessing the users' needs. (12 marks)