QUESTION 1

What do library and information workers do? You may use Charles Curran's ODAPCOSRIU approach to the question as a basis for your answer. {25}

QUESTION 2

The year 1928 was considered an important one in South African library history. Why? To begin your answer you must give a brief overview of library development in South Africa prior to 1928. {25}

QUESTION 3

“*The development of public library services to Africans in South Africa is comparatively recent. The movement was energized by ... Herbert Isaac Ernest Dhlomo.*” (Everts). Discuss the above statement. Your discussion must include an outline of the situation regarding public library services to Africans prior to his appearance. {25}

QUESTION 4

Are Ranganathan’s Five Laws of Library Science still relevant to library and information work in the 21st Century? Motivate your answer. {25}
QUESTION 5

Bearing in mind the theme which underpins this module, viz. the environment influencing the development of libraries, discuss and outline what is significant about:
(a) The monastic library of the Middle Ages (12 ½ marks).

AND

(b) The Library at the University of Gottingen during the period of the Enlightenment (12 ½ marks).

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QUESTION 6

The 1850 Public Library Act is considered an important development in terms of public library history in that it provided for the rate-supported public library which was to be freely available.
(a) What were the main reasons put forward for the free public library? (5 marks)
(b) What one underlying “force” regarding the public library movement in the USA was absent in Britain? (5 marks)
(c) Discuss the “services” which made reading material available to the general public prior to the 1850 Act. (15 marks)

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QUESTION 7

EITHER

7a) What characterizes the public library? Discuss what you consider to be the major challenges to public libraries in South Africa and what the responses to these challenges have been and could be. Your discussion must make reference to the Transformation Charter (2009) and the South African Community Library and Information Services Bill (2010).

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OR

7b). "Access to a wide range of learning resources is ... a critical and essential component of the new educational paradigm and not an optional luxury"
In the light of the above statement discuss the situation regarding school libraries in South Africa.

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The issue of user fees is a contentious one in the public library sector in particular and one that has been around for some time in the South African context (and in other contexts as well). Discuss the issue.

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