

2006

( July )

LIBRARY AND INFORMATION SCIENCE

( Collection Development )

Course No. : 404 (b)

Full Marks : 75

Time : 3 hours

*The questions are of equal value*

Answer **all** questions

1. What do you understand by Collection Development? How would you plan collection development in your library?

Or

Why we need an acquisition policy? Write some of the important principles of acquisition.

2. Work out a plan for your library to develop need based balanced collection enumerating and discussing different factors to be taken into consideration for collection building.

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Or

Work out a plan for distribution of funds for acquisition of various types of reading material in the university library.

3. Discuss important sources of selection of printed and non-printed material at national and international levels.

Or

Discuss some of the web resources useful for collection building.

4. What are E-resources? How would you provide access to E-resources to your users?

Or

Draw a model of collection building with description of each step.

5. What are the criteria for evaluating selection tools? Evaluate any *two* of the following tools :

(a) Book Review Digest

(b) Whitaker's Book Index

(c) British Books in Print

(d) Ulrich's International Periodical Directory

Or

What do you understand by Consortium? Discuss some of the important consortia.

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1. "Collection development is a process of assessing the strength and weakness in a collection and then creating a plan to correct the weakness and maintain the strength." Explain. Show in this connection, how the strength and weakness of a collection can be assessed.

*Or*

"The aim of collection development is to build up a balanced and potent collection." Explain how this aim can be fulfilled.

2. Describe the process that should be followed in collection development in an academic library.

*Or*

Discuss some of the basic principles of collection building.

3. What are the characteristics of e-resources? Discuss the problems relating to collection development of e-resources.

Or

State your views on 'ownership versus access' in the context of collection development of e-resources.

4. Discuss the role of consortia in collection development of e-journals. Examine the advantages and disadvantages of consortia approach.

Or

What is an 'aggregator'? What are the advantages and disadvantages of acquiring e-journals through aggregators?

5. Write notes on any *two* of the following:

- (a) Book and journal selection tools
- (b) Budgeting for collection development
- (c) Licence for e-resources
- (d) American Book Publishing Record

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Or

Discuss some of the basic principles of collection building.

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1. "The basis for collection development in a library should be utility and need than subjective choice." Justify this statement. State in this context how a librarian can assess the need and utility of documents to be procured.

*Or*

Why is evaluation of an information resource necessary before it is selected for procurement? Discuss how and on what basis such evaluation is to be done.

2. What is the importance of formulating a policy for collection development? Discuss what should be covered in such a policy and how the policy should be framed.

Or

Which main issues are to be considered while preparing a budget for collection development? Which items should be included in a budget and why?

3. Which sources will you consult for selecting e-resources? Discuss the merits and demerits of those sources.

Or

What is the role of licensing in collection development of e-journals? Discuss the points that are generally covered in a licence agreement.

4. What is 'weeding' or 'de-accessioning'? How should a librarian take a decision about the documents to be weeded out of his collection? Do you think that weeding is an essential aspect of collection development? Give reasons.

Or

Discuss the utility of collection evaluation and describe the method of such evaluation.

5. Write notes on any *two* of the following :

- (a) Pricing models of e-journals
- (b) Books-in-Print
- (c) Models of library consortia
- (d) Exchange rates

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2009

( December )

LIBRARY AND INFORMATION SCIENCE

Course No. : C-303

( **Collection Development** )

*Full Marks : 37½*

*Time : 1½ hours*

*The figures in the margin indicate full marks  
for the questions*

Answer **all** questions

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1. Why are collection development policies required in a library? Frame a collection development policy document for a university library.

7½+7½=15

Or

Describe the principles of collection development given by S. R. Ranganathan and Francis Drury.

7½+7½=15

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2. Differentiate between the collection development method of print and electronic resources. 15

Or

What are the criteria required for selection of books in libraries?

3. Describe briefly the budgeting procedure for collection development in a university library. 7½

Or

Describe the different selection tools for books, journals and e-resources.

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1. What is collection development? Describe briefly collection development procedures in different libraries.

*Or*

What are the different principles of collection development? Explain why a library needs to follow these principles.

2. How is the budget allocated in a university library? Describe the budgetary allocation for books, periodicals and non-book materials.

Or

What is the difference between collection development of books and periodicals? Discuss with reference to selection, acquisition, processing and circulation of these sources.

3. Discuss the role and function of abstracting services, bibliographies, directories and reviews in collection development giving examples of each.

Or

Discuss the different methods for evaluating tools used for selecting information sources.

4. How are internet sources useful in collection development? Describe the features, format, content and usefulness of any two such sources.

Or

What is the difference between stock taking and stock revision? Describe the steps involved in the stock revision programme of a library.

5. Write short notes on any *two* of the following :
- (a) Collection development policies
  - (b) E-journals
  - (c) Indian National Bibliography
  - (d) Role of users in collection development

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