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**2023\_2 EXAMINATIONS....**

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**COURSE CODE: LIS303**

**COURSE TITLE: INFORMATION RETRIEVAL (CATALOGUING II)**

**TIME ALLOWED: 3 HOURS**

**INSTRUCTION: ANSWER QUESTION ONE AND ANY OTHER THREE**

Question 1. List and discuss Five (5) standard criteria that library patrons rely on to appraise the relevance of information sources. **(25 Marks)**.

Question 2. Discuss Three (3) approaches to information representation **(15 Marks)**

Question 3. Expatiate on the following five search strategies that enable users to retrieve information:

- a. Keyword and phrase search **(3 Marks)**
- b. Boolean search **(3 Marks)**
- c. Truncation **(3 Marks)**
- d. Proximity search **(3 Marks)**
- e. Field and specific search **(3 Marks)**

**(15 Marks)**

Question 4. Elucidate any five (5) information retrieval challenges in Nigerian libraries and information centres. **(15 Marks)**

Question 5. Discuss Three (3) categories of users of information retrieval systems **(15 Marks)**

Question 6. List and explain Five (5) features of a digital library **(15 Marks)**