Fall 2019

Library and Information Science

Comprehensive Exam Essay Questions

Answer one question below. In grading the exam, the faculty look for an understanding of core concepts, adequate knowledge of facts, and the application of principles and problem-solving skills in the library and information science field and the profession.

* Keep in mind that you should refer to the evaluation rubric: <http://lis.cua.edu/res/docs/grading-rubric.pdf> .
* Your paper should draw on what you have learned from your courses and the literature of the field.

###### Question 1

Traditionally information professionals are perceived as the intermediaries between users and information. The rise of databases, Internet, social media, APIs, etc. has enabled users to search and access information on their own. Discuss how this change has impacted the roles of information professionals and their services to users. Be sure to include challenges and opportunities for the information profession in your discussion.

###### Question 2

The concept of a “user-centered” library is emerging. Explain what a “user-centered” library means. In an information setting of your choice, discuss how this concept can be applied. In your discussion, choose two critical areas of current information services or programs, and discuss actions you will take in those two areas to ensure that the library is “user-centered.”