

Summer 2020 Comprehensive Exam 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.

- Your paper should draw on what you have learned from your courses and the literature of the field.
- Keep in mind that you should refer to the evaluation rubric:
<https://lis.catholic.edu/media/grading-rubric-1.pdf>

Question 1

During a crisis like the COVID-19 pandemic, libraries and information centers have to be creative in providing services and programming to users. Discuss how information professionals can meet user and community needs during the crisis. Be sure to discuss service possibilities, the rationale for the innovative services, implementation issues and potential challenges.

Question 2

Libraries and information centers are often viewed as places where social justice ideals are upheld and promoted. Do you believe this statement to be true? Why or Why not? Be sure to draw on what you have learned in the LIS program, the literature and relevant theories to support your assertions.