Summer 2017

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**

For a library or information setting of your choice, discuss the impact of both demographic changes and technological advances on the information needs of your users and communities. Draw on concrete examples to discuss how information professionals have provided or can provide innovative reference and information services to meet the new and emerging needs of users.

**Question 2**

The phenomenon of false and misleading information, spread through both social media and professional journalists (sometimes called "fake news"), has been widely discussed in recent months. Discuss the role of information professionals in addressing this phenomenon. In your answer, consider (1) the strengths and skills information professionals bring to this issue, and (2) the changes they need to make in their knowledge, values, and practices in order to play an important role in addressing the phenomenon in contemporary society.