Summer 2018

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**

It is known that there is a gap between library information retrieval systems performance, and the expectations of users conditioned by their experience with the web environment. Discuss the differences between library retrieval systems and web-based retrieval systems, and recommend two technological changes libraries could make to their information retrieval systems to improve their performance and users’ experience.

**Question 2**

Discuss whether information professionals ever can be truly neutral in providing access to information, and whether there are times when they should not be neutral. Be sure to present points on all sides of this question..