POST-GRADUATE DEGREE PROGRAMME
Term End Examination : December, 2024
MASTER OF LIBRARY & INFORMATION SCIENCE
PAPER – VIIIE3
PUBLIC LIBRARY SYSTEM

Time : 4 hours

Full Marks : 100

(Weightage of Marks : 80%)

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GROUP – A

Answer any **two** of the following questions :   18 × 2 = 36

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2. What do you understand by Community Information Service (CIS) ? Elucidate a road map towards converting public libraries into Converting Information Center (CIC) in India.   4 + 14

3. What are the main objectives of RRRLF ? Discuss its role towards development of public library system in India.   4 + 14

4. What do you mean by resource sharing ? How can you share resources of Public Libraries in Networked Environment ? Elucidate.   5 + 13

GROUP – B

Answer any **three** of the following questions :   12 × 3 = 36

5. "Information technology is now playing an important role in the Public Library System" — Explain critically.

6. Elucidate the concept of free flow of information in the context of electronic information public libraries.

7. What do you understand by library legislation ? Discuss the role of library legislation for the development of public library system in any country.

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8.   Discuss the organizational structure of public library system in India.

9.   Make a critical review of public library system in USA.

10. What is digital divide ? How do public libraries play important role to eradicate illiteracy and digital divide ?   2 + 10

GROUP – C

Write short notes on any **four** of the following questions :   7 × 4 = 28

11. National knowledge Commission

12. Information as a commodity — Explain.

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