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2025/05

SET A

MASTER OF LIBRARY & INFORMATION SCIENCE
FOURTH SEMESTER
PRESERVATION & CONSERVATION OF LIBRARY MATERIALS
MLS – 403
[USE OMR SHEET FOR OBJECTIVE PART]

Duration: 1.30 hrs. **Full Marks: 35**

Objective

Time: 15 mins. **Marks: 10**

Choose the correct answer from the following: ***1×10=10***

1. What is the primary goal of preserving library materials?
   a. To increase the value of rare books
   b. To ensure long-term accessibility and usability
   c. To make books look aesthetically pleasing
   d. To replace old books with new editions

2. What is the ideal relative humidity level for preserving paper-based materials?
   a. Below 20%
   b. 30-50%
   c. 60-80%
   d. Above 90%

3. What is the purpose of deacidification in paper preservation?
   a. To make paper waterproof
   b. To neutralize acidic content and prolong lifespan
   c. To remove ink stains from pages
   d. To enhance the paper's flexibility

4. Which of the following is a preventive conservation method?
   a. Repairing torn book pages
   b. Restoring faded ink on manuscripts
   c. Controlling temperature and humidity levels in storage areas
   d. Rebinding damaged books

5. What material was traditionally used in ancient India for writing sacred texts
   a. Parchment
   b. Bamboo
   c. Palm leaves and birch bark
   d. Vellum

6. Which of the following is the earliest known writing material used by ancient civilizations?
   a. Paper
   b. Birch bark
   c. Clay tablets
   d. Palm leaves

7. What is the primary purpose of book binding in libraries?
   a. To increase the aesthetic value of book
   b. To improve the readability of books
   c. To protect and preserve books for long-term use
   d. To reduce the cost of publishing

8. When deciding whether to bind a particular volume, which factor is most important?
   a. The popularity of the author
   b. The physical condition of the volume
   c. The color of the book cover
   d. The size of the font used in the book

9. Which of the following binding methods involves stitching the folded sheets together through the spine?
   a. Adhesive Applied Binding
   b. Section Stitched Binding
   c. Spiral Binding
   d. Thermal Binding

10. Parchment is made from:
   a. Palm leaves
   b. Tree bark
   c. Animal skin
   d. Clay

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Descriptive

Time : 1 Hr. 15 Mins. **Marks : 25**

[Answer question no.1 & any two (2) from the rest]

1. What is the key difference between preservation and conservation practices for library materials? 5

2. What are the major factors of deterioration of library materials? Discuss the preservation measures to protect the life of these materials. 10

3. What are the important early writing materials being used for centuries including India? 10

4. Enumerate the various steps involved in the binding process. 10

5. What are the primary reasons for binding library materials? What guidelines should be followed during the binding process? 10

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