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SEMINAR 5 – ANSWER KEY **The Library**

Task 1

- 1. library (building or room) vs. bookcase (furniture) vs. bookshop (store)
- 2. donation (gift) vs. purchase (with payment)
- 3. reading area (desk area) vs. stacks (area where the bookshelves are)
- 4. (electronic) database vs. (card) catalogue
- 5. newspaper vs. magazine (dif. format) vs. periodical (issue frequency) vs. (scholarly) journal
- 6. publication (of any literature) vs. volume (part of a series)
- 7. on-site reference (only viewed at library) vs. available on loan (can be taken off-site, or home)
- 8. bibliography (particular details listed at end of research) vs. publication details (all, e.g. ISBN)

Task 2

1. f 2. h 3. g 4. b 5. e (Belgium) 6. c 7. a 8. d

Task 3

Exercise 1 – c – Egypt Opens the New Library of Alexandria

Notes: certain parts of the texts correspond as follows:

- a) 2, e) 3, f) 4
- b) Old Trouble at Alexandria's New Library is not suitable because the text does not focus on problems
- d) Famous Egyptian Centre of Research Reopens is not suitable because although research is important, the article treats the Bibliotheca Alexandrina primarily as a library.

Exercise 2

- a) **F** The Pharos Lighthouse was one of the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World. (1)
- b) **F** The new one is situated on the Eastern Harbour on or near the site of the original, in the shape of a massive disc inclined toward the Mediterranean, evoking the image of the Egyptian sun illuminating the world. (1)
- c) **F** Egypt is the cradle of civilization and the birthplace of three monotheistic religions, so the library will very much reflect (not symbolize) religious tolerance. (2)
- d) T Research, the advancement of knowledge, and the open exchange of ideas. (2)
- e) **T** Dozens of countries are sending books. (3)
- f) **F** the Ptolemies ... seized books from every ship that came into harbour. They made a copy for the ship, but kept the originals for themselves. (4)
- g) **F** historians believe... (4)
- h) **F** By the middle of the new millennium, the library had fallen completely. Historians believe that not a single scroll survives. Also, it was not one particular fire. (6)

Exercise 3

- 1. Alexandria is trying to recapture the spirit of perhaps its richest legacy the Great Library of Alexandria ... (1)
- 2. some eight centuries ... from about the third century B.C. to the fourth century A.D. (1)
- 3. the centre of scientific research, philosophy (5).... (Alexandria is where Euclid devised geometry; Herophilus discovered that the brain, not the heart, was the seat of thought; Aristarchus, 1800 years before Copernicus, determined that the Earth revolved around the sun; and Eratosthenes set up a simple experiment that measured the Earth's circumference.)

- 4. Athens (4)
- 5. ...where Queen Cleopatra first laid eyes on Julius Caesar.(1), ...in 48 B.C., when Julius Caesar laid siege to Alexandria and set fire to the city (6)
- 6. building, its world importance, the way of acquiring volumes,
- 7. (3)
- 8. October 16, 2002 (in the source note at the end)
- 9. library, museum, planetarium (5)
- 10. Australia, Antarctica, South America are not referred to; the others are mentioned Africa Egypt; Europe Italy, France, Greece; Asia the Middle East, Buddhist texts; North America USA

Task 4

One of the fundamental missions of libraries is to (1) **conserve** collections so that they may be communicated and passed on to (2) **future** generations. Conservation first of all means (3) **prevention**: making sure that collections are housed in an environment which prevents all damage and keeps each item (4) **available** for future use. This involves:

- maintenance of library buildings, and ensuring that temperature and (5) **moisture** conditions in stockrooms remain stable
- (6) **theft** and fire prevention
- storage quality control
- (7) **monitoring** the conditions under which documents are communicated.

Conservation also means protecting the documents themselves with appropriate bindings or other specially manufactured protective (8) **coverings**. Substitute copies of documents are now more and more (9) **frequently** used for communication purposes. Photographic or microform (10) **replication**, and - more recently - digital techniques, are all used to (11) **prolong** the lifetime of particularly (12) **vulnerable** originals. The work involved in protecting and replicating library documents requires a (13) **thorough** knowledge of the history of graphic material, of papers and parchments, inks, and photographic and audiovisual (14) **techniques**. Document lifetimes vary enormously, (15) **depending** on the nature of each item and on the processes used to produce it. Continuous monitoring of the collections and advanced scientific (16) **research** are essential in defining the most appropriate conservation methods in each case.

Bibliography

Exercise 1

- 1) book, 1 author, 2 publisher
- 2) journal article 1 title of the journal, 2 issue number, 3 page
- 3) book –1 title of a chapter, 2 editors, 3 title of the book

Exercise 2

Missing:

- 1) year, pages (not always necessary)
- 2) form of the title (italics, underlined, etc.), publisher
- 3) volume number, issue number

Exercise 3

A acceptable

B not consistent in the use of one style.

C not complete, accurate, or consistent in the use of one style.

- an acceptable version:

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Grammar

Exercise 1

- a-c): If + subject + present simple, ... I will present simple ...
- e.g. If it is only available as an on-site reference, I will copy the parts I would like to work with.
- d-g) If + subject + past simple, ... I would present simple ...
- e.g. If I lost a book from a library, I would pay for it.
- h-k) If + subject + past perfect, ... subject + would have + past participle ...
- e.g. If he had not invented the printing press, someone else would have done so.

Exercise 2

- a) If the international community **had not helped**, the library in Alexandria **would not have reopened**.
- b) If you wish / wished to consult microfilms or rare books, you will have to / would have to use special reading rooms.
- c) If it were not against copyright laws, I would copy the whole book.
- d) If you had requested the book a month ago, you could have read it by now.
- e) If the Ptolemies lived today, the new library would surprise them.
- f) I wish I had known this place last semester.
- g) If you do not understand the word, look it up in the dictionary. (imperative) or If you do not understand the word, you should / could look it up in the dictionary. (advice)
- h) In recent years, the modernization of the library would not have been possible if the staff had not been trained.
- i) Egypt **would be** the right place for "an institution of dialogue, tolerance, understanding and rationality" if its religious authorities **did not keep** banning books.
- j) If only I had taken the right way to the Moravian Regional Library.