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**Course: Library Automation, Information  
Storage & Retrieval-I (5643)**  
**Level: MLIS**

**Semester: Autumn, 2012**  
**Total Marks: 100**  
**Pass Marks: 40**

**ASSIGNMENT NO. 1**  
(Units 1-5)

**Note:** All questions carry equal marks.

- Q.1 What is library automation? Discuss the current scenario of library automation in Pakistan.
- Q.2 Why libraries are adapting open source software in libraries? Briefly discuss advantages and disadvantage of open source software being used in the libraries.
- Q.3 Is planning essential in automation? Write down the complete planning process for automating a university library.
- Q.4 What is an integrated library automation system? Why evaluation of this system is important? Discuss in brief any two such library systems which are being used in Pakistan.
- Q.5 Which types of problems are being faced by system librarians in an automated library in Pakistan? Discuss in detail.

**ASSIGNMENT NO. 2**  
**(Units 6-10)**

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- Q.1 Briefly explain computer hardware. Elucidate the function of each component.
- Q.2 What is software? Describe various types of software with examples.
- Q.3 Elucidate library operations. Design an input worksheet of acquisition module comprising most commonly used fields.
- Q.4 Enlist different library softwares being used in Pakistan. Critically evaluate LAMP.
- Q.5 Write notes on the following:
- a. Winisis
  - b. Koha