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EXAMINATION FOR INTERNAL STUDENTS

For The Following Qualification:-

B.Sc.

Information Studs. C2: Information and Society

COURSE CODE : INSTC002

UNIT VALUE : 0.50

DATE : 09-MAY-06

TIME : 10.00

TIME ALLOWED : 3 Hours

INSTC002: Information and society

Answer **THREE** questions.

1. Who are the key bodies that 'regulate' the internet? What do they do? What are the limits to the regulation they can impose?
2. What are the strengths and weaknesses of biometric technologies? How do these apply to the UK government's proposed biometric identity card?
3. What are the goals of intellectual property law, in the UK and in continental Europe? How far are these goals achieved in an internet environment?
4. Why have increasing numbers of countries around the world passed Freedom of Information legislation? How does the UK FoI Act compare to that of other countries?
5. Privacy has been called 'the right to be left alone'. The response of many governments is 'if you have nothing to hide, you have nothing to fear'. How has information technology affected people's ability to be left alone? What legislative responses have we seen in the UK? How effective have these been?
6. Why have many governments been keen to introduce electronic voting into elections? What are the main types of e-voting system, and what problems do they still face?

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