**Paper 5 Serial Management**

**Unit-9 Problems of Serial Management with Special Reference to Pakistan**

**General Introduction: Library’s staff and the concerned are always responsible to provide balanced information materials to its users. They always try to provide information within the available resources. The information and services provided are potential to entire satisfaction of the users. There might be some difficulties, otherwise, the library staff is proactive to overcome and make the users finding their required information as convenient as possible. Most common problems we may face in serials management are displayed as following:**

**Problems or Difficulties or Hardships in dealing the Serials’**

**Lack of:**

Planning

Fund:

Space

Trained Staff

ICT Hardware

ICT Software

ICT Expert Staff

Honesty

Sincerity

Qualification

Development

Training

Cost of Foreign Serials

**Complicated/most frequent occurring process to deal Serials:**

**Pre-order Process**

Selection

Finalization

Subscription

Ordering

Reminding

Modifying the Order

Cancelation of the order and subscription

Renewal of Subscription

Completion of set by back titles

**Post-Order Process:**

**Flood of Literature**

**Lack of Interest:**

By the Authority

By Library Staff

By the Professional

By the Serial Staff

Needs Continuing Education

Mishandling By:

Library Staff

Users

Theft/Mutilation By:

Users

**Sudden Change in**

Authorship

Contributor

Subscriber

Cost of serial

Cost of shipment

From print to electronic

Both hard and soft forms

Ttitle

Frequency

Place of publication

Coverage

Volume

Lack of interest in duty

Biasness

Careless attitude of Serial Staff towards serial dealing

Loss of contact with Suppliers (Publisher, subscription agent etc.)

Lack of Bibliographical Tools for acquisition

Lack of Standard Transportation

Binding

Paucity of internet facilities in most of the cases

Research environment not avail

Decision.is not centred

Unusual Size

Incomplete bibliographic information of the serial

Various types of subscriptions

Publishing shortcomings

Publicizing shortcomings

Differences in classification and

Cataloguing

Serials vendor or subscription agency

All of Sudden:

Appearance

Disappearance

Subscriber

Subscription