**Module 10 – Textbook Review Questions**

**Practice exam questions related to textbook chapter “The Politics and Preservation of Knowledge” by Bonnie Effros**

1. Why did Renaissance and Enlightenment thinkers think that accessibility of texts (whether through the creation of alphabetic scripts or easily reproducible fonts) was of critical importance to the advancement of society?
2. How did the medium of written communication (stone, bark, parchment, paper, etc.) affect the composition of texts and the purposes to which they were dedicated? As new media were developed, were the older ones necessarily abandoned? Why or why not?
3. How did the transition from scroll to codex change the way that people read, study, and organize knowledge? Has the e-book stimulated deep-rooted change in the way we interact with information?
4. Are there parallels that might be made between developments like the invention of the printing press and the rise of the digital transmission of texts? How has the new technology changed the way in which we use written communication?
5. Every writing medium has strengths and weaknesses, a category of which might be classified as durability. How have different writing materials survived over time, and how should such factors figure into our choice of information storage systems?