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EXAMINATION FOR THE AWARD OF DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF ARTS IN SOCIOLOGY

SOCI 343: CRIMINOLOGY

STREAMS: BA SOCI TIME: 2 HOURS

DAY/DATE: MONDAY 12/07/2021 8.30 A.M. – 10.30 A.M.

INSTRUCTIONS:

• Answer question ONE and any other two.

QUESTION ONE

(a) Explain the meaning of the following concepts as used in criminology studies

(1)	Deviance	(2 marks)
(ii)	Juvenile delinquency	(2 marks)
(iii)	Penology	(2 marks)
(iv)	Legal discrimination	(2 marks)

- (b) Discuss with examples five reasons for studying criminology. (10 marks)
- (c) Explain the set of circumstances which have to be in place for an act to be labelled as a crime. (12 marks)

QUESTION TWO

With clear and relevant examples drawn globally, discuss six social factors which account for criminal behaviour. (20 marks)

QUESTION THREE

(i) Discuss with applicable examples the arguments of the strain theory in explaining criminal behaviour in society. (15 marks)

(ii) Do you in your own opinion think that this theory, adequately explains the manifestation of criminal behaviour in Kenya. (5 marks)

QUESTION FOUR

The performance of the criminal justice system is an essential ingredient for taming crime in society. Using Kenya as an example, discuss the performance of the various arms of the criminal justice system. For each discuss the institutional challenges which may have impeded their performance. (20 marks)

QUESTION FIVE

The social learning theory by Albert Bandura offers useful insights on criminal behaviour. Discuss the key arguments of this theory and show its applicability in explaining criminal behaviour. (20 marks)