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**RESIT/SPECIAL EXAMINATION**

**EXAMINATION FOR THE AWARD OF DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF ARTS IN  
CRIMINOLOGY AND SECURITY STUDIES**

**CRSS 102/103: INTRODUCTION TO THEORIES OF CRIME**

**STREAMS: BA CRSS**

**TIME: 2 HOURS**

**DAY/DATE: MONDAY 23/07/2018**

**8.30 A.M. – 10.30 A.M.**

**INSTRUCTIONS:**

- **Answer THREE questions**
- **Question ONE is compulsory**

1. (a) Discuss the historical development of theories of crime focusing on the classical, positivistic and Chicago schools of thought. (15 marks)
- (b) What is the difference between the positivistic and phenomenological explanations of crime? (15 marks)
2. (i) Once a thief always a thief Describe the key assumptions of the labelling theory (10 marks)
- (ii) State what you think needs to be done to neutralize criminal labels in the community and within the criminal justice system. (20 marks)

3. With the use of examples, explain the main levels of strain as expressed by Robert K. Merton. (10 marks)
  4. Explain the main arguments on the biological theories of crime causation as advanced by Cesare Lombroso, giving reasons for their validity/invalidity. (20 marks)
  5. In view of Robert K. Merton's strain theory, describe the five possible types of individual adaptations to the culturally defined goals of success. (20 marks)
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