



MACHAKOS UNIVERSITY

University Examinations for 2019/2020 Academic Year

SCHOOL OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SCIENCES

THIRD YEAR SECOND SEMESTER EXAMINATION FOR

BACHELOR OF ARTS

ASC: 325. CRIMINOLOGY

DATE: 12/11/2020

TIME: 2.00-4.00 PM

INSTRUCTIONS: Answer QUESTION ONE and any other TWO QUESTIONS

QUESTION ONE (30 MARKS)

- a) Explain the differences between the following concepts as used in sociology of law
- i) Tort, crime and crime victims
 - ii) Mala Prohibita and Mala-nase actions
 - iii) First degree murder and second degree murder
 - iv) Misdemeanors and felonies
 - v) Criminal behavior and deviant behavior (15 marks)
- b) Examine five main concerns of criminologists in the society (5 marks)
- c) Discuss the “social contract” and cite three main weaknesses that led to the development of the classical school of criminology (10 marks)

QUESTION TWO (20 MARKS)

With examples, discuss how environmental upbringing or living condition can predispose and individual to criminal behavior.

QUESTION THREE (20 MARKS)

- a) In relation to Kenyan society, provide five arguments explaining why it is difficult for most third world countries to end white collar crimes (10 marks)
- b) Explain five reasons why law enforcing agencies in the world measure and analyze patterns of crimes (10 marks)

QUESTION FOUR (20 MARKS)

- a) Identify and explain any five elements that are necessary to make a behavior a criminal offence (10 marks)
- b) State and discuss five defenses to criminal act/behavior (10 marks)

QUESTION FIVE (20MRKS)

- a) Discuss any **two** of the following methods of measuring crime in relation into its key principle, strengths and weaknesses (10 marks)
- i) National incident based reporting system (NIBRS)
 - ii) Uniform crime report (UCR)
 - iii) National crime victimization survey (NCVS)
 - iv) Self-reporting crime surveys (SRCS)
- b) Cite five personal, economic, and social costs borne by the victims of crimes in the society (10 marks)