



# MACHAKOS UNIVERSITY

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SCHOOL OF HUMANTIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SCIENCES

THIRD YEAR SECOND SEMESTER EXAMINATION FOR

BACHELOR OF ARTS

APS 315: PSYCHOLOGY AND CRIME

DATE:

TIME:

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## INSTRUCTIONS:

Answer Question One and Any Other Two Questions.

### QUESTION ONE (30 MARKS)

- a) Appraise five different types of violent crimes that have become quite common in the current Kenyan society. (10 marks)
- b) Clearly differentiate between positive and negative reinforcements as they apply to criminal behaviour (8 marks)
- c) Describe Lombroso's later classification of criminals from his theory of "born criminals" (6 marks)
- d) "Criminal behavior is largely a result of an interaction between genes and the environment". Discuss. (6 marks)

### QUESTION TWO (20 MARKS)

- a) Assess the role of the following environmental influences on criminal or anti-social behaviour. (10 marks)
  - i. The family environment
  - ii. Peer groups
- b) Describe three personality dimensions which have links to criminality according to Eysenck. (6 marks)
- c) Explain the link between mental illness and criminal behavior. (4 marks)

**QUESTION THREE (20 MARKS)**

- a) Discuss four cost-inflicting results of conflicts between individuals over status, material and mating resources. (8 marks)
- b) Appraise three critical roles of criminal psychologists. (12 marks)

**QUESTION FOUR (20 MARKS)**

- a) Explain Burgess and Arkers differential association-reinforcement theory of criminal behaviour. (10 marks)
- b) Discuss the relationship between personality disorder and criminal behaviour. (10 marks)

**QUESTION FIVE (20 MARKS)**

- a) Explain the meaning of a sociopath. (2 marks)
- b) Describe five characteristics you would look for when assessing for psychopathy in criminal populations. (6 marks)
- c) Appraise the role of the three elements of personality on criminal behaviour. (12 marks)