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SECOND YEAR EXAMINATION FOR THE DEGREE
OF BACHELOR OF ARTS IN CRIMINOLOGY AND
SECURITY STUDIES

CRSS 212: PSYCHOLOGY OF CRIMINAL BEHAVIOR

STREAM: B.A, CRSS

TIME: 2 HRS

DAY: TUESDAY [11.30 A.M-13.30 P.M] **DATE:** 27/01/2026

THIS QUESTION PAPER CONSISTS OF THREE (3) PAGES

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Instructions: Answer all questions in **SECTION A** and any **TWO** in **SECTION B**

SECTION A (30 MARKS)

QUESTION ONE

- (a) Define the following terms. **(10marks)**
- i. Psychopathy
 - ii. Criminology
 - iii. Profiler
- (b) Discuss the role of psychology in criminology, including its application at both the individual and group levels. **(10marks)**
- (c) Un employment and income inequality are primary drivers of criminal behavior. Discuss **(10marks)**

SECTION B (40 Marks)

QUESTION TWO

- (a). Discuss investigating factors affecting rate of violent crime in Kenya today. **(10marks)**
- (b) Explain how factors like trauma can lead to emotional detachment and repeat offending. **(10marks).**

QUESTION THREE

- (a) Using suitable examples compare and contrast the: **(10marks)**
- i. Organized and disorganized offender
 - ii. Organized and disorganized crime scene
- (b) Individuals learn to commit crimes within intimate social groups by observing others, associating with those who approve of criminal acts, and receiving reinforcement for such behaviors. With reference to Sutherland's differential association theory Discuss **(10marks)**

QUESTION FOUR

- (a) Discuss the factors that lead to criminal behavior using the following theories: **(10marks)**
- i. Personality Theory
 - ii. Learned theories.
 - iii. Sociological theories.
- (b) Discuss risk and protective factors associated with violence. **(10marks)**

QUESTION FIVE

- (a) As an expert in psychology of criminal Behavior, educate the following groups (school, government, parents) on practical measures that they should put in place to prevent youth crime today. **(10marks)**
- (b) Discuss the extent to which student relationships influence decision to engage in criminal or violent behaviors. **(10marks)**