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FIRST SEMESTER 2025/2026 ACADEMIC YEAR

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

CRSS 411: VICTIMOLOGY AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE

STREAM: *B.A CRSS*

TIME: *2 HRS*

DAY: *THURSDAY [14.30 P.M-16.30 P.M]*

DATE: *29/10/2026*

THIS QUESTION PAPER CONSISTS OF TWO (2) 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) Using Mendelsohn's (1956) schema, explain with examples the concept of Culpability **(10 Marks)**
- (b) Account for at least three (3) reasons towards the progress of victimology as an independent discipline **(10 Marks)**
- (c) The economic and social impact of white-collar crime is significant (Slapper and Tombs, 1999), yet it is often constructed as 'complainant less' or 'victimless'. Discuss. **(10 Marks)**

SECTION B (40 MARKS)

QUESTION TWO

Explain the three concepts therein in the discourse of victim's role in criminal activities **(20 Marks)**

QUESTION THREE

- (a) Evaluate the role of the media in shaping public perceptions of crime victims **(10 Marks)**
- (b) Discuss support systems available to victims in the Kenyan society **(10 Marks)**

QUESTION FOUR

- (a) Explain the costs of victimization. **(10 Marks)**
- (b) Describe how the media influences policy and societal attitudes in relation to the crime victims **(10 Marks)**

QUESTION FIVE

- (a) Outline the role of victim impact statements in court proceedings. **(10 Marks)**
- (b) What are the potential benefits and drawbacks of the victim impact statements for the victims? **(10 Marks)**