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1ST SEMESTER 2023/2024 ACADEMIC YEAR

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

CRSS 112: INTRODUCTION TO CRIMINAL LAW

STREAM:

TIME: 2 HRS

DAY: THURSDAY [11.30-13.30 P.M]

DATE: 14/12/2023

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INSTRUCTIONS: Answer question ONE and any other TWO questions.

QUESTION ONE

- (a) Define the following legal terms: - (10 marks)
 - (i) Criminal law
 - (ii) Crime
 - (iii) Criminal justice system
 - (iv) Law
 - (v) An accomplice
- (b) Distinguish between criminal law and criminal procedure (5marks)
- (c) What are the sources of criminal law? (10marks)
- (d) Outline how the Kenya constitution 2010 limits the application of criminal law (5marks)

QUESTION TWO

- (a) Explain the purpose of criminal law (10marks)
- (b) Discuss three elements of criminal offences and defenses in the study of criminal law (10marks)

QUESTION THREE

- (a) Explain the process of criminal trial in Kenya (10marks)
- (b) State the principles of fair court trial (10marks)

QUESTION FOUR

- (a) Identify and discuss at least five purposes of punishment of criminal offenders in society (10 marks)
- (b) Explain the traditional forms of punishment for criminals in your community (10 marks)

QUESTION FIVE

- (a) Briefly explain the following elements of criminal law
 - (i) *Mens Rea* (5marks)
 - (ii) *Actus Reus* (5marks)
- (b) Why is the study of criminal law important in the study of criminal justice system? (10marks)

