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OF BACHELOR OF ARTS IN CRIMINOLOGY AND
SECURITY STUDIES

CRSS 322: COURTROOM PSYCHOLOGY

STREAM:

TIME: 2 HRS

DAY: THURSDAY [11.30-1.30 P.M]

DATE: 18/04/2024

THIS QUESTION PAPER CONSISTS OF THREE (3) PAGES

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INSTRUCTIONS

- i. Question ONE is COMPULSORY**
- ii. Answer any other TWO Questions**
- iii. Do not write anything on the question paper**
- iv. Put off your cellphone**

QUESTION ONE [30marks]

- a) Using examples explain the difference and importance of opening and closing statements in a criminal case [16 marks]
- b). Describe a typical court room set up [8 marks]
- c). Name and explain three types of reasoning [6 marks]

QUESTION TWO [20 marks]

- a) Using example(s) explain the concept of ‘burden of proof’ [6 marks]
- b) Explain the examination in chief in court [4marks]
- c) Explain cross examination in court [4 marks]
- d) Explain Re-examination in court [4 marks]
- e) Explain the concept “beyond reasonable doubt” [4 marks]

QUESTION THREE [20 marks]

- a) Using examples, compare and contrast adversarial and inquisitorial legal system [10marks]
- b) Examine in detail any five functions of criminal justice system [10 marks]

QUESTION FOUR [20 marks]

- a) Using examples, explain the difference between the following concepts
 - (i) delivering Judgment [5Marks]
 - (ii) passing sentencing [5Marks]
- b) Discuss any five types of crime [10 marks]

QUESTION FIVE [20 marks]

Write brief notes as known in court room psychology

- 1. Heuristic technique of passing sentence [2marks]
- 2. Vulnerable witness [2marks]
- 3. Leading question [2marks]
- 4. affirmation [2marks]
- 5. The halo effect [2marks]



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| 6. Suspect/defendant | [2marks] |
| 7. Accused | [2marks] |
| 8. Eye witness | [2marks] |
| 9. Explicit memory | [2 marks] |
| 10. Implicit memory | [2 marks] |

QUESTION FIVE [20 marks]

It is always a concern of the client whether the expert witness will be outstanding and carry the day. Credentials and experience of the expert is only half of the qualification particularly when an expert is addressing a complex subject, where the court has difficulty understanding the technicalities associated with their explanation. Name and explain four qualities of an expert witness

[20 marks]

