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

CRSS 214: CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION

STREAM: B.A., CRSS

TIME: 2 HRS

DAY: TUESDAY [8.30 A.M-10.30 A.M] **DATE:** 27/01/2026

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) Explain five objectives of criminal investigations **(10 Marks)**
- (b) Describe how Locard's Exchange Principle supports forensic reconstruction of events in criminal investigations **(10 Marks)**
- (c) Trace the historical development of criminal investigations **(10 Marks)**

SECTION B (40 MARKS)

QUESTION TWO

- (a) Describe any five responsibilities of the first responder during a crime scene management process **(10 Marks)**
- (b) Explain why establishing wide scene boundaries helps preserve evidence integrity **(10 Marks)**

QUESTION THREE

Explain eight responsibilities of the criminal Investigator **(20 Marks)**

QUESTION FOUR

- (a) Describe the procedure of taking notes in an investigation and the advantages and disadvantages of note taking. **(10 Marks)**
- (b) Describe the interrogation process and its purpose in criminal investigation **(10 Marks)**

QUESTION FIVE

- (a) Successful prosecution and conviction depend entirely on the quality of the investigation and the thoroughness of case preparation. Discuss. **(10 Marks)**
- (b) Explain how a break in the Chain of Custody for a murder weapon can affect the prosecution's case in a Kenyan court. **(10 Marks)**