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BACHELORS OF ARTS IN DEVELOPMENT STUDIES
SECOND SEMESTER 2024/2025
(AUGUST, 2025)

DCRS 0115: ELEMENTS OF LEGAL RESEARCH

STREAM: Y3 S2

TIME: 2 HOURS

DAY: WEDNESDAY, 12.00 – 2.00 P M

DATE: 06/08/2025

INSTRUCTIONS:

- 1. Do not write anything on this question paper.***
- 2. Answer Question One(Compulsory) and Any Other TWO Questions.***

Question 1:

- What do you understand by the following terms as used in criminology;
crime
law, research, precedents. (12 Marks)
- Briefly explain any five effects of crime in your community. (10 Marks)
- Explain any two acts of parliaments in Kenya. (8 Marks)

Question 2:

Explain the different roles played by courts of law in Kenya and discuss the different challenges that they face as they execute their duties (20 Marks)

Question 3:

Legal research is characterized by the existence of a problem which has a legal nature, which requires the intervention of the legal researcher. Describe the main elements of a legal research proposal (20 Marks)

Question 4:

Applying the knowledge acquired in class and as a student of criminology and peace studies, discuss the different secondary sources of law in Kenya (20Marks)

Question 5:

Law making goes through different stages. Discuss the law making process in Kenya (20 Marks)