



## **UNIVERSITY EXAMINATIONS**

**FIRST YEAR EXAMINATION FOR THE AWARD OF  
DIPLOMA IN CRIMINOLOGY AND SECURITY STUDIES  
SECOND SEMESTER 2024/2025  
(JANUARY – APRIL, 2025)**

**DCRS 0123: INTRODUCTION TO THEORIES OF CRIME**

**STREAM: Y1 S2**

**TIME: 2 HOURS**

**DAY: THURSDAY, 3.00 – 5.00 P M**

**DATE: 07/08/2025**

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**INSTRUCTIONS:**

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

**QUESTION ONE: (30 MARKS)**

- (a) Discuss the relevance of criminological theories to the criminal justice system (12 marks)
- (b) Critically assess to what extent the labelling theory can explain societal reactions to deviant behaviour and how these societal reactions work and influence deviant behaviour (12 marks)
- (c) While most interactionist theory focuses on the negative consequences of labelling, John Braithwaite (1989) focus is more positive. Identify and discuss the positive role for the labelling process (6 marks)

**QUESTION TWO**

Criminologist came up with several theories to explain what make individuals to be excessively involved in crime or delinquency. Identify and explain four sociological theories of crime and delinquency (20 marks)

**QUESTION THREE**

Critically explain the theoretical work of Edwin Sutherland's differential association theory and demonstrate how it can aid in explaining crime in the society (20 marks)

**QUESTION FOUR**

Discuss the sub-culture theory of violence and how it accounts for the concentrations of crime and violence in the neighborhoods today **(20 marks)**

**QUESTION FIVE**

(a) Using social disorganization theory, explain the apparent increase of crime and delinquency in the contemporary society **(12 marks)**

(b) Evaluate the relevance of social disorganization theory to criminal justice policy makers **( 8 marks)**

**QUESTION SIX**

(a) Using strain theory, explain the high increase of deviance and crime in the contemporary Society **(10 marks)**

(b) With relevant examples discuss the elements of Routine activity theory **( 10 marks)**