



UNIVERSITY EXAMINATIONS
SPECIAL/SUPPLEMENTARY EXAMINATIONS

THIRD YEAR EXAMINATION FOR THE AWARD OF
THE BACHELORS OF ARTS IN CRIMINOLOGY AND PEACE STUDIES
SECOND SEMESTER 2024/2025
(AUGUST, 2025)

CRSS 305: COURTROOM PSYCHOLOGY

STREAM: Y3 S2

TIME: 2 HOURS

DAY: FRIDAY, 3.00 – 5.00 P M

DATE: 08/08/2025

INSTRUCTIONS:

- 1. Do not write anything on this question paper.**
- 2. Answer Question ONE And Any Other Two questions.**

QUESTION ONE

- a) Discuss on the making of legal decisions about children; older adults and other vulnerable groups [15 Marks]
- i) Elucidate on the concept of communication and persuasion in courtroom [7 Marks]
- ii) Make brief notes on the following terms as used in courtroom psychology. [8Marks]
 - a) Ethical rules
 - b) Dumb witness
 - c) Eye witnesses

QUESTION TWO

- a) Explain criminal suspects, how they are arrested, arraigned in court and tried. [12 Marks]
- b) Mention the characteristics of jury members behavior [8 Marks]

QUESTION THREE

- a) Discuss the following in courtroom psychology
 - i) The supreme court of Kenya
 - ii) Memory retrievals
 - iii) Vulnerable witness in court
 - iv) Expert opinion [12 Marks]
- b) Comment on the Kenyan constitution 2010 [4 Marks]
- c) Comment on general rule as to experts [4 Marks]

QUESTION FOUR

- b) The courts forms the third arm of the government and the judicial power they exercise is crucial to political stability in any society. Discuss the following different court divisions. [15 Marks]
 - i) Criminal courts
 - ii) Civil courts
 - iii) Constitutional and judicial review
 - iv) Children courts
 - v) Commercial courts

QUESTION FIVE

Evaluate the structure and jurisdiction of the courts in Kenya [15 marks]