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QUESTION ONE

What is the definition of criminology that is accepted by most writers.

[5 marks]

Discuss the basic requirements of a crime.

[15 marks]

What is the definition of a crime that is accepted by most writers on criminal law.

[5 marks]

[Total: 25 marks]

QUESTION TWO.

Writers and scholars have put forward various theories on the cause of crime.

Discuss:

- a) The Demonological theory or view.
- b) Biological theory or view
- c) Economic theory or view

[25 marks]

QUESTION THREE

Social determinism or the sociological approach has tended to look to the social environment for the causes of crime.

Discuss the:

- a) Strain theory; [5 marks]
- b) Conflict theory; [5 marks]
- c) Social control theory; [5 marks]
- d) Radical theory; [5 marks]
- e) Labeling theory; [5 marks]

[Total: 25 marks]

QUESTION FOUR

Discuss the aims and objectives of the juvenile system as laid down in the UN Minimum Rules for the Administration of Juvenile Justice (Beijing Rules 1985), UN Rules for the Protection of Juveniles Deprived of their Liberty (1990) and the guiding principles from the Convention on the Rights of the Child (CRC)

[25 marks]

QUESTION FIVE

Discuss the following:

- a) Violent crime
- b) Property related crime
- c) War crimes

[25 marks]

QUESTION SIX

What is the purpose of punishment?

[5 marks]

What are the various theories of punishment applied by the Courts in Swaziland?

[20 marks]

[Total: 25 marks]

QUESTION SEVEN

- a) Explain the different sources of criminal statistics.
- b) Why do we require accurate criminal statistics?
- c) What factors limit the reliability of criminal statistics.

[25 marks]