

**UNIVERSITY OF SWAZILAND
DEPARTMENT OF LAW**

MAIN EXAMINATION PAPER, MAY 2008

TITLE OF PAPER : PRINCIPLES OF CRIMINOLOGY
COURSE CODE : DL024
TIME ALLOWED : TWO (2) HOURS
TOTAL MARKS : 100
INSTRUCTIONS : ANSWER THREE (3) QUESTIONS

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GRANTED BY THE INVIGILATOR TO DO SO.**

Question 1

- (a) What is a juvenile offender? (1 1/3 marks)
- (b) Discuss the essential characteristics of the juvenile justice system in Swaziland (26 marks)
- (c) Discuss a prosecutor's discretion when an accused person has been brought to court for trial. (6 marks)

Question 2

- (a) Discuss punishment and its purposes. (23 1/3 marks)
- (b) A judicial officer may impose what is called a 'postponed sentence' on a convicted person. What kind of sentence is this? (5 marks)
- (c) In terms of the Classical Theory, how did the Criminal Law originate? (5 marks)

Question 3

- (a) The Prime Minister indicates that he intends to request money from Government which will be spent in increasing the number of police officers. However, he states that he will do this if the statistics reveal a need for this. The Commissioner of police requests you to give him advice on statistics. Advise him fully. (22 1/3 marks)
- (b) According to Robert Merton's Strain Theory, do all members of the disadvantaged group in society resort to crime? (11 marks)

Question 4

- (a) Discuss the United Nations Standard Minimum Rules for the Administration of Juvenile Justice which Swaziland is yet to fulfill. (19 1/3 marks)
- (b) Discuss a judicial officer's discretion in sentencing a convicted person. (14 marks)