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TITLE PAPER : PRINCIPLES OF CRIMINOLOGY
COURSE CODE : DL 024
MARKS : 100
TIME ALLOWED : 3 HOURS

INSTRUCTIONS : (a) ANSWER ANY FOUR (4) QUESTIONS
(b) ALL ANSWERS CARRY EQUAL MARKS.

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QUESTION 1

1.1 Discuss the four methods used by criminologists to determine the seriousness of crime within society and state the strengths and weaknesses of each.

(15 marks)

1.2 In crime prevention, what role do these institutions play;

- (a) The Family;
- (b) The School.

(10 marks)

(25 MARKS)

QUESTION 2

Set out and discuss the four types of punishment we have in Swaziland. Give one example in all the four types.

(25 MARKS)

QUESTION 3

3.1 Discuss the concept of habitual criminal.

(5 marks)

3.2 Discuss the exercise of discretion by the Royal Swaziland Police from the point where crime is reported to them up to the prosecution of a suspect.

(20 marks)

(25 MARKS)

QUESTION 4

"Whatever anyone's view may be on the death sentence, the law in Swaziland is clear. Where a court finds an accused guilty of murder with extenuating circumstances it is obliged in terms of section 296 of the CP & E Act to pass the death sentence... The sentences of death on counts 1 and 2 must therefore stand. No argument was advanced on the other counts and they, too must stand" **per Tebbutt, JA in Qamalaza Shabangu v Rex, Court of Appeal of Swaziland Case 2/2002.**

4.1 In what circumstances would a court pass the death sentence in Swaziland? Give two examples to support your answer.

(15 marks)

4.2 As a criminologist, does the death sentence serve the deterrent objective of sentencing? Discuss.

(10 marks)

(25 MARKS)

QUESTION 5

5.1 State and discuss four (4) reasons why juveniles are given different treatment from adult offenders in respect of detention and trial.

(20 marks)

5.2 List two policies and objectives that must be in place in a proper prison and correctional institution.

(5 marks)

(25 MARKS)

QUESTION 6

6.1 Many lives have been lost in the roads of Swaziland as a result of drivers who drive vehicles under the influence of liquor, despite the introduction and enforcement of the maximum fine of E 5000.00 for drunk driving. Can imprisonment for a period of time without an option of payment of a fine deter offenders and would be offenders? Discuss.

(15 marks)

6.2 In the context of crime prevention, what is;

- (a) Opportunity reduction;
- (b) Social development?

(10 marks)

(25 MARKS)