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INSTITUTE OF DISTANCE EDUCATION

DEPARTMENT OF LAW

DIPLOMA IN LAW

SUPPLEMENTARY EXAMINATION: JULY 2012

TITLE PAPER : PRINCIPLES OF CRIMINOLOGY  
COURSE CODE : DL 024  
MARKS : 100  
TIME ALLOWED : 3 HOURS  
INSTRUCTIONS : (a) ANSWER ANY FOUR (4) QUESTIONS.  
(b) ADDITIONAL MARKS WILL BE GIVEN FOR USE  
OF CASE LAW WHERE APPROPRIATE.  
(c) ALL ANSWERS CARRY EQUAL MARKS  
(CONSISTENCY WITH SUPPLEMENTARY  
EXAMINATION INSTRUCTIONS)

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**QUESTION 1**

Discuss the exercise of discretion by the following law enforcement agencies in their handling of crime and criminals.

- a. ROYAL SWAZILAND POLICE.
- b. THE COURTS.
- c. THE CORRECTIONAL SERVICES.

[Total: 25 marks]

**QUESTION 2**

2.1 Briefly discuss the following sources of criminal data and give one example of each.

2.1.1 OFFICIAL POLICE RECORDS

2.1.2 OFFICIAL COURT RECORDS

2.1.3 SELF REPORT STUDIES

2.1.4 VICTIM SURVEYS

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2.2 Why are the various sources of criminal data unreliable? Discuss and give specific reasons in support of your answer.

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[Total: 25 marks]

### QUESTION 3

In considering an appropriate sentence, after the accused has been found guilty, the Court or presiding officer should take into account what is generally referred to as the triad. Discuss.

[Total: 25 marks]

### QUESTION 4

What role can the following institutions play in preventing crime:-

a. The family

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b. The school

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c. The Church

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[Total: 25 marks]

**QUESTION 5**

The purpose of punishment, in our contemporary society, is fourfold. Discuss.

**[Total: 25 marks]**

**QUESTION 6**

a. Discuss the concept of punishment.

**[5]**

b. Name and discuss the types of punishment we have in Swaziland.

**[20]**

**[Total: 25 marks]**