

**UNIVERSITY OF SWAZILAND**

**INSTITUTE OF DISTANCE EDUCATION (IDE)**

**DIPLOMA IN LAW**

**MAIN EXAMINATION PAPER - DECEMBER 2015**

**COURSE TITLE** : **PRINCIPLES OF CRIMINOLOGY**

**COURSE CODE** : **IDE-DL 024**

**TIME** : **THREE (3) HOURS**

**INSTRUCTIONS** : **ANSWER QUESTION 1**

**AND**

**ANY OTHER THREE QUESTIONS**

**(ALL QUESTIONS CARRY EQUAL MARKS)**

**TOTAL MARKS** : **100**

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## QUESTION 1

In a trial for multiple counts of murder, Mr Sinaza Simelane was found guilty of all murder counts and sentenced to 208 years imprisonment. In mitigation, Simelane told the court that *“he did not know what got into him when he committed the offences; and forces beyond his control made him do what he did”*.

In handing down the sentence, the Magistrate said *“it has come to the attention of the court that murder offences are on the rise lately. It is therefore the duty of this court to curb such by imposing stiffer sentences that would send the appropriate message to the community that such offences are not tolerated in society”*.

Discuss the theory of “Crime Causation” as well as “the Purpose of Punishment” demonstrated in this case.

(25 marks)

## QUESTION 2

a. Discuss the three (3) pillars that form the scope of Criminology.

(15marks)

b. What are the views of the “Psychological Theorists” on “Crime Causation”?

(10 marks)

## QUESTION 3

a. Discuss briefly:

- i. Social Control Theory;
- ii. Labelling Theory;
- iii. Conflict Theory; and
- iv. Radical Theory

(15 arks)

b. What are the requirements of a crime?

(10 marks)

#### **QUESTION 4**

a. What role does “Discretion” play in the pre-trial and trial stages of the judicial process?

(20 arks)

b. What are the views of the proponents of the “Sociological Model” for Crime Prevention?

(5 marks)

#### **QUESTION 5**

(a) Discuss the Origin of the Prison System in Swaziland.

(15 marks)

(b) Discuss the various Theories on the Origin of Criminal Law.

(10 marks)

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