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FACULTY OF LAW
2023_2 EXAMINATIONS

COURSE CODE: PUL341

COURSE TITL: CRIMINAL LAW I

TIME: 3 HRS

INSTRUCTIONS: ANSWER QUESTION AND ANY OTHER 3

QUESTION ONE CARRIES 25 MARKS WHILE OTHERS ARE 15 MARKS EACH

1. Examine the criminal responsibility of each of the characters in the following cases:
 - a. Bridget counseled Nkwo to abort her 12weeks old pregnancy and actually introduced her to Blessing, who administers some substances to aid the abortion. Determine the liability of Bridget, Blessing and Nkwo. Would your answer be different if the pregnancy is 39 weeks old and Nkwo is about to be delivered of the child, but Blessing, an untrained midwife inserts an instrument in to her womb which caused the death of the child before it was born. **(9marks)**
 - b. Madam Beauty found out that her daughter Frances is 6 months pregnant for a course mate in her school. She is unhappy as she has promised Frances's hand in marriage to her best friend's son. After delivery. Madam Beauty carefully wrapped the child in a blanket and placed it at the back of an orphanage. Sergeant John sees as Madam Beauty drops the baby and has arrested her. He intends to charge her to court. Advise him on the offence. **8marks.**
 - c. Martha on Wednesday counsels Dayo and Dele to stop and hijack the trailer load of goods from Ghana on Saturday. Early on Saturday, Martha announced her complete change of mind but Dayo, unknown to Martha had already carried out their plan. **8marks**
2. Efe and others are members of a secret society whose object is to kill thieves and anyone it chooses. For the past five years, they have killed a lot of persons without getting caught. At one of their meetings, Chief Ose the leader of the society ordered them to kill his wife having caught her in an act of adultery, they refused and the chief carried out the act himself. Efe and others have been arrested together with Chief Ose but Efe claims his hands are clean as he did not kill the woman. Determine the liability of Efe and Chief Ose.
3. Victory has just concluded her final year examination at her university and waiting for the one-year mandatory youth service when she discovered that she is 6 weeks pregnant.

On receipt of her call up letter, she found that a condition to going to service year is that every female Corper is to submit a pregnancy test result and would be deployed if certified pregnant. Nurse Wura, the matron at the orientation camp demands N50,000 to issue Victory with a negative pregnancy report which she pays. Nurse Wura prepares a fake report giving Victory a negative test report. However, at some point of issuing the report, their act was exposed. Discuss the likely offences if any, for which Victory and Wura may be charged.

- 4 A corporation is capable of mens rea. Discuss with authorities
- 5 Examine some of the immunities available to husband and wife under the Criminal Code.
- 6 Write short notes on the following:
 - a. Justification
 - b. Excuse
 - c. Compulsion or Coercion