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COURSE CODE: CSS 755

COURSE TITLE: Patterns and Trends of Crime in Nigeria

CREDIT UNIT: 3

TIME ALLOWED: 3 HOURS

INSTRUCTION: In all, answer **Four out of SIX** of the questions. However, question **ONE (1)** is **COMPULSORY** and carries 25 marks.

1a. how does Paul Tappan define crime (5marks)

1b. Give a critical assessment of this theory (5marks)

1c. Justify the view that a universal definition of crime is virtually impossible (15marks)

2a. with concrete examples differentiate between *mala in se* and *mala prohibitum* crimes (6 marks).

2b. Identify three (3) ways Social learning theory can explain crime (9 marks).

3a. To Beccaria law and punishment are based on some principles, what are these principles (10 marks).

3b. What are the merits of classical theory (5 marks).

4a. what is property crimes (6 marks).

4b. Justify the assertion that crimes are categorized according to the degree of severity (9 marks).

5a. Explain the sociological approach to the study of crime (10 marks).

5b. what is a norm? (5marks)

6a. briefly describe the concept of informal justice system as it relates to crime (9 marks).

6b. Identify two (2) strong reasons why people still use informal justice system (6 marks).