



**NATIONAL OPEN UNIVERSITY OF NIGERIA**  
**FACULTY OF LAW**  
**DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC LAW**  
**2025\_1 EXAMINATION...**

**COURSE CODE:** PUL341  
**COURSE TITLE:** CRIMINAL LAW I  
**TIME ALLOWED:** 3 HOURS

**Instruction: ANSWER QUESTION 1 (ONE) AND ANY OTHER 3 (THREE) QUESTIONS. ALL QUESTIONS CARRY EQUAL MARKS (15 MARKS) EXCEPT QUESTION 1 WHICH CARRIES 25 MARKS.**

1. With the aid of statutory authority

a. Define a principal offender

b. Distinguish each class of principal offender.

c. Ude and Nkem intend to steal from Uche. Nkem drills a hole through the wall to let Ude into Uches's bedroom unknown to Afam, who eventually enter the room through the chimney and successfully steals

Examine their liabilities

2. Under the Nigeria law, state with statutory authorities those that are exempted from committing murder

3. Discuss the Criminal liability of pre-natal injury in the following cases:

a. Aminat conceive an unwanted child. she takes some drugs to kill the foetus. The child is born alive but with severe injuries from which it dies six months after birth.

b. Dolapo stabs his girlfriend who is three months pregnant with his child. Because of the wound the child is born prematurely and dies four months later as a result of the premature birth.

4. Adeola threatens violence against his neighbor's child. The Child in fright, scales over the stair case and is badly injured. The medical Doctor prescribes blood transfusion. The child

parent are member of the Jehovah witness and they do not only with-hold their consent but expressly refuses blood transfusion. The child dies as a result

Discuss with authorities the criminal inability of Adeola and the child's parents.

5. Write a short note on the following legal principles

- a. De minimis non curat lex
- b. Novus actus intervenies

6. Demonstrate an understanding of defences of;

- a. Necessity
- b. Defence of provocation in murder case