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SECOND YEAR FIRST SEMESTER EXAMINATION FOR DIPLOMA IN
CRIMINOLOGY AND SECURITY STUDIES

CCS 053 – INTRODUCTION TO CRIMINAL LAW

DURATION: 2 HOURS

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES:

1. Attempt Question ONE and Any other TWO questions in Section B
2. Mobile phones are not allowed in the examination room.
3. You are not allowed to write on this examination question paper.

SECTION A: ATTEMPT ALL QUESTIONS IN THIS SECTION

- (a) Distinguish between the two types of criminal law. (4 marks)
- (b) Highlight three characteristics of criminal law. (3 marks)
- (c) Give any two functions of criminal law. (2 marks)
- (d) Distinguish between Actus reus and mens rea. (4 marks)
- (e) State three roles of the National Crime Research Centre in combating crime. (3 marks)
- (f) Explain the meaning of strict liability offenses and give relevant examples. (4 marks)
- (g) Show ways in which first and second degree murder differ. (4 marks)
- (h) Give three classification of crime. (3 marks)
- (i) List three degrees of criminal intent. (3 marks)

SECTION B: ATTEMPT ANY TWO QUESTIONS IN THIS SECTION

QUESTION TWO (20 MARKS)

On Christine's birthday, her boyfriend Brian gifted her with a television set. Christine started using the television though she noticed that the warrant was missing. A few days later, Christine was arrested by the police and two counts of crime were preferred to her. She was accused of theft as well as handling stolen property. Christine panics and calls her boyfriend only to learn that the television set was stolen. As an expert, what advice would you offer Christine so as to defend herself against the criminal offenses? (20 marks)

QUESTION THREE (20 MARKS)

Discuss five emerging issues in criminal law in Kenya and state their effect on advancement of criminal law. (20 marks)

QUESTION FOUR (20 MARKS)

- a) Highlight five powers of a prosecutor in criminal cases. (10 marks)
- b) Identify any five rights of an arrested person according to the constitution of Kenya, 2010. (10 marks)