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THIRD YEAR SECOND SEMESTER EXAMINATION FOR BACHELOR OF
SCIENCE IN CRIMINOLOGY AND SECURITY STUDIES

CCS 306 – COURTROOM DISCOURSE

DURATION: 2 HOURS

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES:

1. Answer question one and any other two questions.
2. Mobile phones are not allowed in the examination room.
3. You are not allowed to write on this examination question paper.

SECTION A: ANSWER ALL QUESTIONS IN THIS SECTION

QUESTION ONE (30 MARKS)

- a) Describe any four types of linguistic power in the courtroom. (8 marks)
- b) Highlight any four features of discourse in the language used in the courtroom. (8 marks)
- c) Give any four settings in which courtroom discourse may occur. (8 marks)
- d) Outline any three ways in which language may be used to reinforce gender bias in the courtroom. (6 marks)

SECTION B – ANSWER ANY TWO QUESTIONS IN THIS SECTION

QUESTION TWO (20 MARKS)

Discuss questioning as a dominant speech act in courtroom discourse. (20 marks)

QUESTION THREE (20 MARKS)

Establish the linguistic features that are prominent in the following court system.

- i. Adversarial (10 marks)
- ii. Inquisitorial (10 marks)

QUESTION FOUR (20 MARKS)

- a) Using suitable examples, explain any two of the communicative strategies that courtroom players need to have. (10 marks)
- b) Citing relevant examples, describe how status manipulation is achieved using language in the courtroom discourse. (10 marks)