



MAASAI MARA UNIVERSITY

**REGULAR UNIVERSITY EXAMINATIONS
2023/2024 ACADEMIC YEAR
FIRST YEAR FIRST SEMESTER**

**SCHOOL OF ARTS, HUMANITIES SOCIAL
SCIENCES AND CREATIVE INDUSTRIES
DIPLOMA IN CRIMINOLOGY**

**COURSE CODE : DCR 104
COURSE TITLE : BIOLOGICAL EXPLANATION OF
CRIME AND DEVIANCE**

DATE: 29/1/2024

TIME: 0830-1030 HRS

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

- Answer Question **ONE** and any other **TWO** questions
- Question one carries **30 marks**
- All other questions carry **20 marks**

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QUESTION ONE (COMPULSORY)

(a) Define the following terms: **(10marks)**

- i) Natural Law
- ii) Gene
- iii) Trait
- iv) Psychopathy
- v) Theory

(b) Write short notes on following sociological theories and how they espouse crime in society: **(20 marks)**

- i) Rational Choice theory
- ii) Social Disorganization theory
- iii) Social Learning theory
- iv) Labeling theory

QUESTION TWO

Focusing on Cesare Lombroso's arguments, describe how the biological make up of an individual predisposes one to committing crime. **(20 marks)**

QUESTION THREE

- a) Discuss the problematic aspects of biological theories of crime and deviance. **(10 marks)**
- b) Compare the biological perspective on crime and deviance with the sociological perspective and explain the key differences between these two approaches. **(10 marks)**

QUESTION FOUR

Critically assess the Nature versus Nurture aspects of crime causation. **(20 marks)**

QUESTION FIVE

- a) Analyze the ethical implications of incorporating biological explanations in the criminal justice system. **(8 marks)**
- b) Outline the potential benefits and drawbacks of using genetic and neurobiological evidence in legal proceedings. **(12 marks)**

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