



# **MAASAI MARA UNIVERSITY**

**REGULAR UNIVERSITY EXAMINATIONS**

**2023/2024 ACADEMIC YEAR**

**SECOND YEAR SECOND SEMESTER**

**SCHOOL OF ARTS, HUMANITIES, SOCIAL  
STUDIES AND CREATIVE INDUSTRIES**

**DIPLOMA IN CRIMINOLOGY**

**DCR 211: INTEGRATED THEORIES**

**DATE:**

**TIME:**

**INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES**

**Answer question ONE (compulsory) and any other TWO**

**Question one carries 30 marks**

**All other questions carry 20 marks**

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## **SECTION A (30 MARKS)**

1 a. "Nature vs. Nurture" is a central theme in criminology. Explain both perspectives and their implications on criminal behavior. **(15marks)**

b. Discuss the Role of Early Childhood Experiences in Shaping Criminal behavior. **(15marks)**

## **SECTION B (40 MARKS)**

2 a. Discuss the Efficacy of Latent Trait Theories on whether or not crime can be predicted. **(10marks)**

b. Explain the role of genetics in understanding criminal behavior according to biological theories. **(10marks)**

3 a. Discuss how the social learning theory explains the development of criminal behavior. **(10marks)**

b. Evaluate the ethical considerations of using psychological theories in criminal profiling. **(10marks)**

4 a. Discuss the societal factors that contribute to criminal behavior according to sociological theories. **(10marks)**

b. Explore the Disparities in Criminal Offending Patterns in relations to Gender and Crime. **(10marks)**

5 a. Discuss the challenges and limitations of implementing integrated theories in criminal justice practices. **(10marks)**

b. "There exists a Universal Theory of Crime that Can Explain All Types of Criminal Behavior?" Discuss. **(10marks)**