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 : DSS 102
COURSE TITLE : INTRODUCTION TO SOCIAL PSYCHOLOGY

DATE: 13/5/2024   **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**

*This paper consists of **TWO** printed pages. Please turn over*

QUESTION ONE (COMPULSORY)

a) Justify the view that social psychology is a science   **(10 marks)**
b) Compare and contrast the social cognitive and sociocultural perspectives in social psychology.   **(10marks)**
c) Discuss the difference between the dispositional and situational perspectives in social psychology?   **(10marks)**

QUESTION TWO

a) Explain the difference between conformity and obedience   **(10 marks)**

b) Discuss the tools for data collection in social psychology.   **(10 marks)**

QUESTION THREE

a) Explain the difference between individualistic and collectivism cultures.   **(10marks)**

b) Describe the impact of culture on social behavior.   **(10marks)**

QUESTION FOUR

Discuss attitudes under the following:

i. Attitude change

ii. Attitude development

iii. Functions of attitudes

iv. Influence of attitude on behaviour.   **(20 marks)**

QUESTION FIVE

Explain the positive and negative functions of stereotypes   **(20 marks)**

0 Questions for Criminology Students:

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How does social psychology contribute to our understanding of criminal behavior?

Discuss the methods used in social psychology research and their application to studying criminological phenomena.

How does the concept of the social self influence criminal behavior and interactions within criminal groups?

Analyze the role of self-esteem and self-serving biases in criminal decision-making and behavior.

How do attributions about others affect perceptions of criminality and interactions with law enforcement?

Evaluate the impact of social judgments on the criminal justice system and public attitudes towards crime and punishment.

Discuss the relationship between attitudes and behavior in the context of criminal activities and recidivism.

Examine the techniques of persuasion used in criminal behavior, including manipulation and coercion.

How do conformity and compliance play a role in criminal activities, such as gang behavior and organized crime?

Discuss the ethical implications of obedience to authority in the context of law enforcement and criminal justice systems.