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COURSE CODE: CSS 755

COURSE TITLE: Patterns and Trends of Crime in Nigeria

CREDIT UNIT: 3

TME ALLOWED: 3 HOURS

INSTRUCTION: In all, answer **Four out of SIX** of the questions. However, question **ONE** (1) is **COMPULSORY** and carries 25 marks.

- 1a. how does Paul Tappan define crime (5marks)
- 1b. Give a critical assessment of this theory (5marks)
- 1c. Justify the view that a universal definition of crime is virtually impossible (15marks)

- 2a. with concrete examples differentiate between *mala in se* and *mala prohibitum* crimes (6 marks).
- 2b. Identify three (3) ways Social learning theory can explain crime (9 marks).

- 3a. To Beccaria law and punishment are based on some principles, what are these principles (10 marks).
- 3b. What are the merits of classical theory (5 marks).

- 4a. what is property crimes (6 marks).
- 4b. Justify the assertion that crimes are categorized according to the degree of severity (9 marks).

- 5a. Explain the sociological approach to the study of crime (10 marks).
- 5b. what is a norm? (5marks)

- 6a. briefly describe the concept of informal justice system as it relates to crime (9 marks).
- 6b. Identify two (2) strong reasons why people still use informal justice system (6 marks).