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COURSE CODE: PUL341

COURSE TITLE: CRIMINAL LAW 1

TIME ALLOWED: 2 ½ HOURS

INSTRUCTION: ANSWER QUESTION 1 (ONE) AND ANY OTHER 3 (THREE) QUESTIONS. (QUESTION 1 (ONE) ATTRACTS 25 MARKS)

1.(a) Mr. Clement Obasi was accused of giving bribe to Police Constable Alex Amobi, in order to release Charles Dokubo from Police detention. The two accused persons, Clement Obasi and Alex Amobi were both charged to court for giving and receiving bribe. In the court, both accused pleaded the defence of mistake, contending that they did not know that it was an offence to give or receive bribe.

Consider their defence and state the Law.

(b) Explain the following:

- i. Men rea
- ii. Intoxication
- iii. Irresistible Impulse

2.(a) Explain the word “Crime” and state at least two Constitutional Provisions aimed at guaranteeing the fundamental rights of the accused.

(b) Write note on one of the following:

- i. Offences
- ii. Crime of Omission

3.(a) Ibrahim Abdul suspected Gabriel Izon of stealing or being in possession of a stolen good, so he flagged him to stop so as to search him. The suspect refused to stop and one of the Police officers with Ibrahim Abdul clung to the vehicle driven by the suspect. The suspect noticing that decided to drive in a zig zag manner so that the Police officer could fall off and he did fall off only to be smashed by an oncoming vehicle. He died as a result of that.

The defense of the accused when he was eventually arrested and charged to court was that he did not intend to cause the death of the deceased officer. Assess his defense legally.

(b) Hajia Muiminnat Idris went to the Police to make a report about threat to her life by some street gangs. The Police after carefully listening to her dismissed her allegation. Sadly, three days later, her fear was confirmed when a group of street gangs attacked and injured her. She is contemplating whether to sue the Police or not. Will she succeed if she does so?

4.(a) Consider in details the purpose of Criminal Law

(b) Explain Intention and motives in Law.

5.(a) Explain in details the following:

- i. Public Law
- ii. Common Law

(b) Differentiate between Strict Liability Crime and Absolute Liability Crime.

6.(a) Explain the status of a husband and his wife under Criminal Law.

(b) Explain the term, Provocation.