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2023_1 POP EXAMINATION

COURSE CODE: CSS 804

COURSE TITLE Social Policy, Juvenile Delinquency and Criminal Justice System

CREDIT UNIT: 3

TME ALLOWED: 3 HOURS

INSTRUCTION: Answer any four (4) questions, all questions carry equal marks.

1. Select a topic of contemporary interest in criminal justice policy related to police, courts or corrections and write a review essay on that topic that provides an overview of the nature and significance of that topic for social policy and offer some criminological insights or observations that help inform the understanding or evaluation of the policy issue.
2. In one form or another, mandatory minimums, three strikes policies, and so forth, have been cast as a useful crime-reducing strategy among certain criminal justice officials. Review the literature on whether these policies are effective and indicate to your state's governor whether he or she should employ or eliminate such strategies.
3. There has been a longstanding concern with race and criminal justice decision-making and scholarly research on this topic goes back at least 75 years. Considerable attention has been devoted to the issue of race differentials or discrimination at several phases of criminal and/or juvenile justice processing. As a criminologist, evaluate the problem in Nigerian's criminal justice processing? Write an essay which clearly defines the issue, reviews the empirical literature, critiques that literature, and provides an outline of what you believe are the most important unanswered questions in this area of research.

4. Nigeria is experiencing growth in its prison population to the point that overcrowding has become a problem. The Controller General of the Rehabilitation Service has asked for your advice on how to address this issue without jeopardizing public safety or increasing costs. What would you recommend? Be sure to be specific and to connect your recommendations to existing research.
5. Perhaps the closest thing criminology has to a law is the fact that males engage in more crime and delinquency than females. This finding has been observed throughout history, in various countries, both longitudinal and cross-sectional studies, and using different methods for measuring criminal and delinquent behavior.