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**FACULTY OF LAW**  
**DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC LAW**  
**2024 1 EXAMINATION-**

**COURSE CODE: PUL341**  
**COURSE TITLE: CRIMINAL LAW I**  
**CREDIT UNITS: 4**  
**TIME ALLOWED: 3 HOURS**  
**INSTRUCTION: ANSWER QUESTION 1 (ONE) AND ANY OTHER 3 (THREE) QUESTIONS. QUESTION 1 (ONE) ATTRACTS 25 MARKS WHILE OTHERS ARE 15 MARKS EACH.**

- 1.(a) Cap 42, section 308 of the Criminal Code Act states that, "... any person who causes the death of another, directly or indirectly, by any means whatever, is deemed to have killed that other person.". Discuss with reference to decided cases the circumstances under which the above is possible. **15Marks**
- (b) "When two or more persons form a common intention to prosecute an unlawful purpose in conjunction with one another, and in the prosecution of such purpose, an offence is committed of such a nature that its commission was a probable consequence of the prosecution of such purpose, each of them is deemed to have committed the offence." (Section 8 of the Criminal Code). Discuss the provision above with the aid of decided cases. **10Marks**
2. "Crime is what society says is crime by establishing that an act is a violation of the criminal law. Without law there can be no crime at all.....It is difficult to argue that crime can exist at all beyond the confines of laws simply because moral sentiments have been offended". Comment on the above giving reasons for your answer. **15Marks**
3. Ben and Rufi, being the Local Government Chairman aspirants of the just concluded elections of the "All Progressive Group" party in Kabatu, in an attempt to prevent a campaign in their area by the "People Political Party" led by Ajala, agreed between themselves to steal certain electronic ballot papers and election materials from the election ground of People Political Party. For this purpose, they smashed the strong room of the INEC office to steal the People Political Party ballot papers, went inside, and took away the election papers. As they (Ben and Rufi) were running away, Smart and Koku, driver and Campaign Agent respectively of People Political Party, sighted them. Smart and Koku caught up with Ben and Rufi (the thieves) as they were about leaving the strong room, whereupon, Bimbo, the Campaign Agent of Peoples Political Party, stabbed Ben and Rufi, causing them grievous harm.

Consider the criminal liabilities, including the defenses (if any) of Bimbo, Ben, Rufi and Smart respectively. **(15 marks)**

#### QUESTION 4

- (a) What is the rest energy of 1kg of water (or any other substance). (5marks)
- (b) Write clearly the Einstein's mass energy equation and explain its terms(5marks)
- (c) A man has a mass of 100kg on the earth. When he is in the space craft, an observer from the earth registers his mass as 101kg. Determine the speed of the spacecraft.(5marks)

#### QUESTION 5

- (a) Write out the basic energy equation of special relativity (5marks)
- (b) Explain the equivalence of mass and energy (5marks)
- (c) Show that  $\vec{E} \cdot \vec{E}$  is relativistically invariant (5marks)