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**Course Code:** CSS 755

**Course Title:** Patterns and Trends of Crime in Nigeria

**Time Allowed:** 3hours

**Course Unit:** 3

**Answer any four (4) questions**

1. Explain how Karl Marx's view of crime differ from the later critical criminology?
2. (a) Briefly explain classicism and positivism in criminology and discuss the differences between them.  
(b) With reference to contemporary theories discuss how classicism and positivism influence our thinking about crime today.
3. Critically discuss the statement "The effects of Imprisonment on prisoners are well understood".
4. Assess the extent to which the development of an effective crime prevention plan depends upon a thorough understanding of the criminological theories that underpin the situational and social approaches to crime prevention in Nigeria.
5. Critically discuss the contention that certain people are more likely to be victims of crime than others and an appropriate response may not be punishment of the offender.