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2025_2 EXAMINATIONS

COURSE CODE: **CSS 804**

COURSE TITLE **Social Policy, Juvenile Delinquency and Criminal Justice System**

CREDIT UNIT : 3

TME ALLOWED : 3 HOURS

INSTRUCTION : Answer question **ONE** and any other three.

1. (a) Justify whether or not it is necessary to have a separate legal category for youths considering how dangerous young people can be. **15 marks**
(b) Do you consider it reasonable to group offenders on the basis of what they have done rather than on their age? **10 marks**
2. (a) With specific reference to Nigeria, discuss the age of criminal responsibility. **9marks**
(b) Should juvenile court jurisdiction be raised or lowered? **6 marks**
3. (a) To what extent is it fair to institutionalize a minor simply for being truant or running away from home? **7 marks**
(b) Should the jurisdiction of status offenders be removed from juvenile court and placed with the state's department of social services or some other welfare organization? **8marks**
4. (a) Discuss the extent to which delinquency proceedings should be secret. **7marks**
(b) To what measure do the public have the right to know who juvenile criminals are? **8marks**
5. Juveniles who commit felonies such as rape or robbery should be treated as adults. Discuss. **15marks**