



NATIONAL OPEN UNIVERSITY OF NIGERIA
FACULTY OF LAW
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC LAW
2025_2 EXAMINATIONS

COURSE CODE: PUL341
COURSE TITLE: CRIMINAL LAW I
TIME ALLOWED: 3 HOURS

Instruction: ANSWER QUESTION 1 (ONE) AND ANY OTHER 3 (THREE) QUESTIONS. ALL QUESTIONS CARRY EQUAL MARKS (15 MARKS) EXCEPT QUESTION 1 WHICH CARRIES 25 MARKS.

1. With the aid of authorities;
 - a. Define the term crime
 - b. What do you understand by an act or omission.

- 2a. Intention is incapable of positive proof. State ways by which it can be proved.
 - b. The police suspected Dayo of stealing or being in possession of stolen goods. They stopped him but he refused to stop. The police cling to the vehicle. Dayo then drove zig zag in order to shake off the police man and avoid arrest. The police man drops off and is killed by an oncoming vehicle driven Femi. Determine the Liability of Dayo.

3. The act of not guilty unless the mind is guilty. Discuss the validity of this statement with references to decided cases.

- 4a. Discuss the scope of the defence of accident under the criminal law.
 - b. Bayo and Deji were pushing each other near a river, Victor warned them that they were playing a dangerous game. Deji pushed Bayo further, Bayo slipped and fall into the river and drowned. Deji is relying on the defence of accident, what are his chances?

5. In what circumstances will a mistake be a defence to criminal inability

6. Explain the following term with the and authorities
 - a. Insane Delusion
 - b. Irresistible impulse