



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

COURSE CODE: PUL805
COURSE TITLE: COMPARATIVE CRIMINAL LAW I
TIME ALLOWED: 3 HOURS

Instruction: ANSWER QUESTION 1 (ONE) AND ANY OTHER 2 (TWO) QUESTIONS. ALL QUESTIONS CARRY EQUAL MARKS (20 MARKS) EXCEPT QUESTION 1 WHICH CARRIES 30 MARKS.

1. “In order to establish criminal liability, the facts must be such that...the negligence of the accused went beyond a mere matter of compensation between subjects and showed such disregard for the life and safety of others as to amount to a crime against the state and conduct deserving punishment” Lord Hewart CJ in R v Bateman.
Discuss briefly criminal negligence under the Nigeria criminal law comparing with any jurisdiction under study.
2. Examine with authorities the defence of immaturity in Nigeria and India.
3. In Nigeria, the courts have interpreted the defence of insanity in accordance with the Criminal Code, which requires that the accused must be suffering from a disease of the mind at the time of the offence that made him incapable of knowing the nature and quality of the act or that it was wrong. What are the criteria and tests for determining insanity in Nigeria and Ghana.
4. Discuss the mental element of the offence of murder in Nigeria and India with the aid of statutory provisions and judicial authorities.
5. Different jurisdictions have adopted different approaches to imposing criminal responsibilities on corporations. With the aid of legal authorities, appraise the basis of imposing corporate criminal responsibility in Nigeria.
6. With the aid of legal authorities, discuss the of justification features of crimes of strict liability in Nigeria and India.