



MAASAI MARA UNIVERSITY

**REGULAR UNIVERSITY EXAMINATIONS
2024/2025 ACADEMIC YEAR
FIRST YEAR FIRST SEMESTER**

**SCHOOL OF ARTS, HUMANITIES SOCIAL
SCIENCES AND CREATIVE INDUSTRIES
DIPLOMA IN CRIMINOLOGY**

COURSE CODE: DCR 105

**COURSE TITLE: PSYCHOLOGICAL EXPLANATIONS
OF CRIME AND DEVIANCE**

DATE: 3/6/2024

TIME: 1430-1630 HRS

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

Answer Question **ONE** and any other **TWO** questions

*This paper consists of **TWO** printed pages. Please turn over.*

QUESTION ONE (COMPULSORY)

- a) Define the following concepts: **(10 marks)**
- i. Psychopathy
 - ii. Behavioral conditioning
 - iii. Cognitive dissonance
- b) Discuss the role of personality traits, such as impulsivity and empathy, in predicting criminal behavior. **(10marks)**
- c) Analyze the impact of early childhood experiences on the development of antisocial behavior. **(10 marks)**

QUESTION TWO

- a) Explain the principles of social learning theory and its application to understanding criminal conduct. **(10 marks)**
- b) Critically evaluate the effectiveness of psychological interventions, in rehabilitating offenders **(10 marks)**

QUESTION THREE

- a) Describe the concept of moral development according to Kohlberg's theory and its relevance to criminal behavior. **(10marks)**
- b) Discuss the role of stress, trauma, and coping mechanisms in contributing to criminality **(10marks)**

QUESTION FOUR

Compare and contrast the theories of Freud and Bandura in explaining deviant behavior from a psychological perspective **(20 marks)**

QUESTION FIVE

Analyze the implications of psychological research findings for crime prevention strategies and offender rehabilitation programs. **(20 marks)**

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