



MAASAI MARA UNIVERSITY

**REGULAR UNIVERSITY EXAMINATIONS
2021/2022 ACADEMIC YEAR
FIRST YEAR FIRST SEMESTER**

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

COURSE CODE: DCR 104

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

DATE: 28TH MARCH, 2022

TIME: 1100-1300

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

- Answer Question **ONE** and any other **TWO** questions
- Question one carries **30 marks**
- All other questions carry **20 marks**

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QUESTION ONE

- a) Define the following terms: **(10 marks)**
- i. Crime
 - ii. Deviance
 - iii. Theory
 - iv. Gene
 - v. Trait
- b) Briefly discuss how the following sociological theories explain crime in the society: **(20 marks)**
- i. Rational choice theory
 - ii. Social disorganization theory
 - iii. Social learning theory
 - iv. Labeling theory

QUESTION TWO

Using Lombroso's theory, discuss how an individual's biological make-up predisposes them to committing crime. **(20 marks)**

QUESTION THREE

Discuss the weaknesses in biological explanations of crime and deviance. **(20 marks)**

QUESTION FOUR

Discuss the positivist and classical criminological schools of thought, as well as their perspectives on crime causation. **(20 marks)**

QUESTION FIVE

Examine the Nature vs. Nurture debate in crime causation. **(20 marks)**

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