



MASENO UNIVERSITY
UNIVERSITY EXAMINATIONS 2017/2018

**FIRST YEAR FIRST SEMESTER EXAMINATIONS FOR THE DIPLOMA
IN CRIMINOLOGY**

CITY CAMPUS –REGULAR

ADC 0102: INTRODUCTION TO CRIMINAL LAW

Date: 13th February, 2018

Time: 9.00 - 12.00 noon

INSTRUCTIONS:

- Answer question ONE and any other THREE questions.



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KISUMU CAMPUS (DAY)

Answer question **One** and any other **THREE** questions.

1. (a). Define the following terms.
 - (i). Crime (2 mks)
 - (ii) Criminal law (2 mks)
 - (iii). Common law (3 mks)
 - (iv) Civil law (2 mks)
 - (b) Outline the characteristics of common law (6 mks)
 - (c). State and explain the objectives of criminal law (10 mks)
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2. (a). Briefly describe the historical development of criminal law in Africa. (10 mks)
 - (b). Explain the sources of criminal law. (5 mks)
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- 3.(a). Explain the process of a criminal trial in Kenya. (10 mks)
 - (b). State the principles of fair court trial. (5 mks)
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4. (a). Briefly explain the following elements of criminal law

- (i). Mens rea (5
mks)
- (ii) Actus reus (5
mks)
- (b) Give instances in which failure to act can be a crime (5
mks)

5.(a). Explain the traditional forms of punishment for criminals in your community (10 mks)

(b) Why are involuntary acts usually not considered criminal (5
mks)

6. Explain the application of the following legal defense in court

(a). Lawful sport. (3
mks)

(b). Surgical operation. (3
mks)

(c). Provocation (3
mks)

(d). Lawful correction defense (3
mks)

(e) Mistake of fact as a defense for murder (3
mks)