

NATIONAL UNIVERSITY OF LESOTHO
BA SUPPLEMENTARY EXAMINATIONS
SOC 356-3B CRITICAL CRIMINOLOGY

JULY 2009

MARKS: 100

TIME: 3 HOURS

INSTRUCTIONS:

Answer Question **one** and any other **three** questions:
All Questions Carry equal **(25)** marks.

QUESTION 1

Critically examine R.K. Merton's Strain Theory of the social - structural causes of crime in the society. Illustrate your points with appropriate examples

QUESTION 2

Ms. Thief stole the sum of M10 from Ms. Bank. She was subsequently arrested by the Lesotho Police Service, prosecuted before a competent court of justice and was jailed for the stealing offence for 5 years. As a student of criminology, **a)** Justify the action of the court for the imprisonment sentence **b)** identify and discuss the limitations of the imprisonment sentence from the human rights and correctional perspectives?

QUESTION 3

The accuracy of crime statistics is dependent on some prevailing conditions within the system. Discuss these conditions in connection with problems of discrepancies and estimations.

QUESTION 4

Males are more likely to commit crime than females. To what extent is this assertion true based on at least two criminological theories?

QUESTION 5

Write short notes on the following

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| a) Finger Print Analysis | (5 marks) |
| b) Public Order Crime | (5 marks) |
| c) Ideological Crime | (5 marks) |
| d) Hairs and Fibers Analysis | (5 marks) |
| e) Victimless Crime | (5 marks) |

QUESTION 6

Identify and discuss the functions and problems of the Police as one of the criminal justice system institution in Lesotho.