COLLEGE OF SOCIAL SCIENCES, THEOLOGY, HUMANITIES & EDUCATION

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END OF FIRST SEMESTER EXAMINATIONS

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DURATION: 3 HOURS

INSTRUCTIONS

1. This paper contains **TWO** sections (Section A and Section B).

2. Section A is **COMPULSORY**.

3. Answer **ANY TWO (2) questions** from Section B.

4. Start each question on a new page in your booklet.

5. Credit will be awarded for logical, systematic and neat presentation

6. Do not repeat material.

SECTION A: COMPULSORY

INSTRUCTION: *Answer Question 1.*

Question 1

At Africa University, various forms of surveillance technologies are employed to manage campus security and safety to promote a conducive learning environment. This includes the installation of CCTV cameras in common areas such as libraries, dormitories, lecture rooms and entrances. To further enhance security, the university uses biometric access controls for residence halls and certain facilities. Additionally, the university employs digital monitoring tools to track employee activity on company devices and networks. This includes monitoring email communications, internet usage, and access to sensitive files. Management justifies these practices as necessary for protecting university assets and ensuring compliance with standard regulations. However, some students and staff express concerns about being constantly monitored and the implications for personal privacy and the data collected about their movements.

    a. Analyse how the different forms of surveillance technologies at Africa University contribute to social control on campus. **[20 Marks]**

    b. Explore the complexities of surveillance as a potential tool of infringement on personal freedoms at Africa University. **[10 Marks]**

    c. Provide specific examples of how these mechanisms influence the behavior and attitudes of students and staff. **[10 Marks]**

SECTION B

INSTRUCTION: *Answer ANY TWO (2) questions.*

Question 2

Examine the principles of strain theory and its relevance in understanding deviant behavior in contemporary society. **[30 Marks]**

Question 3

Analyse the mechanisms through which media influences public perceptions of deviance and conformity. **[30 Marks]**

Question 4

Evaluate the formal and informal social control mechanisms utilised at Africa University to regulate student behavior and maintain a positive learning environment. **[30 Marks]**

Question 5

    a. Examine the complexities of maintaining social control in diverse communities. **[20 Marks]**

    b. Suggest possible strategies of fostering collaboration among community members. **[10 Marks]**

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