



SCHOOL OF LAW

PBL1201: CRIMINAL LAW

END OF SECOND SEMESTER EXAMINATIONS

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DURATION: 3 HRS

INSTRUCTIONS

- 1. Answer THREE questions- Question 1 is compulsory.**
- 2. This exam carries a total of 100 Marks.**
- 3. You are encouraged to provide appropriate references where necessary in your answers.**

Section A is compulsory

Question 1

Lee is a street vendor. One day, while sitting along the pavement selling fruits and vegetables, she was forcibly injected with a strong drug by an unknown man. This drug had a profound effect on Lee and she became distressed and aggressive. A pedestrian noticed that Lee was in severe distress and went to check whether she was okay. Lee in her drugged state grabbed a broken beer bottle and stabbed the pedestrian three times thereby killing him instantly. Zee assisted Lee in moving the body of the deceased to the middle of the road to make it appear as if the deceased had been hit and killed by a car. She was charged with murder and she raised a defence to the charge.

a) Advise her on the prospects of success of her defence in terms of the Criminal Law (Codification and Reform) Act. **[25 Marks]**

b) Identify the parties to the crimes(s) and discuss their criminal liability. **[25 marks]**

SECTION B

Answer any two questions

Question 2

a) Discuss the principle of legality and the provisions of the Criminal Law of (Codification and Reform) Act in respect to this principle. **[15 Marks]**

b) Outline any two main purposes of criminal law. **[10 Marks]**

Question 3

a) With reference to the authority, state and discuss the two categories of special liability. **[15 marks]**

b) Discuss the burden of proof and the standard of proof in criminal law. **[10 marks]**

Question 4

Discuss any four theories of punishment in criminal law. **[25 marks]**

END OF EXAMINATION