

NATIONAL OPEN UNIVERSITY OF NIGERIA DEPARTMENT OF CRIMINOLOGY & SECURITY STUDIES (CSS) FACULTY OF SOCIAL SCIENCES 2022_1 EXAMINATION.

COURSE CODE: CSS 801

COURSE TITLE Advanced Theory of Criminology and Security Studies

CREDIT UNIT: 3

TME ALLOWED: 3 HOURS

MARKS: 70%

INSTRUCTION: Answer question **ONE** and three others. Question **ONE** carries 25 marks.

- 1. (a) Describe the current state of labeling theory. In doing so, be sure to emphasize (1) the definition of labeling, (2) the factors that should increase one's exposure to labeling, (3) the reasons why labeling should affect later crime, and (4) the factors that may amplify or diminish its effects on crime. Where relevant, discuss empirical evidence on the accuracy of labeling theory's predictions.
- (b) Compare and contrast the Anomie theories of Durkheim, Merton, and Messner & Rosenfeld (25marks)
- 2. Classical school criminology relies heavily on the concept of free will. How can one ever demonstrate empirically the existence of a free will? (15marks)
- 3. Although early biological theories lacked validity, they were among the first to use the scientific method. The process of measuring body parts, shapes, and sizes (although flawed) represented a dramatic shift from the philosophical approach offered by the classical school. Discuss. (15marks)
- 4. Explain the evolution of classical school criminology from Beccaria, through Deterrence Theory, Routine Activity Theory, Rational Choice Theory, and Just Deserts. What modifications have been made along the way? (15marks)
- 5. Enumerate Hirschi's four elements of social bonding. Explain how his social bonding theory differ from his self-control theory? (15marks)