



UNIVERSITY EXAMINATIONS

FIRST YEAR EXAMINATION FOR THE AWARD OF THE CERTIFICATE IN CRIMINOLOGY AND SECURITY STUDIES

FIRST SEMESTER 2023/2024

[JAN – APRIL, 2024]

CCRS 0021: INTRODUCTION TO SOCIAL INSTITUTIONS

STREAM: Y1 S1

TIME: 2 HOURS

DAY: WEDNESDAY, 9:00 - 11:00 A.M.

DATE: 17/04/2024

INSTRUCTIONS

- 1. Do not write anything on this question paper.***
- 2. Answer question ONE (Compulsory) and any other TWO questions.***

1. a) Explain the concept of social stratification and how it is related to social institutions like the economy and education. (15 marks)

b) Discuss ways in which media and mass communication can be seen as both a social institution and a powerful agent of social change. Provide examples.

(15 marks)

2. Discuss the impact of media and mass communication on the formation of public opinion and its consequences for society. Provide real-world examples to support your argument. (20 marks)

3. Analyze the role of education as a social institution in shaping individual values, attitudes, and behaviors. Use specific examples to illustrate your points.

(20 marks)

4. Choose one social institution (e.g., family, government, economy) and explain how it has evolved over time and its current role in contemporary society. Discuss any challenges or criticisms it faces today. (20 marks)

5. Discuss the functionalist perspective on social institutions. Provide examples of how different social institutions contribute to the stability and functioning of society. (20 marks)