



NATIONAL OPEN UNIVERSITY OF NIGERIA
FACULTY OF SOCIAL SCIENCES
DEPARTMENT OF CRIMINOLOGY AND SECURITY STUDIES
2025_2 EXAMINATIONS

COURSE CODE: CSS 354

COURSE TITLE: SPECIAL CATEGORIES OF OFFENDERS

CREDIT UNIT: 3

TIME ALLOWED: 3 HOURS

INSTRUCTION: Answer **four** out of five questions.

1. Examine the legal definition of crime and discuss the problems associated with it. (17.5 marks)
2. Crime has not been committed unless seven (7) elements are present. Discuss. (17.5 marks)
3. (a) Briefly explain who is an offender. (8.5 marks)
(b) Explain the three main categories of crime with examples. (9 marks)
4. Explain human instinct and evolutionary factors as causes of violent crimes. (17.5 marks)
5. Critically explain the three biological theories of crime. (17.5 marks)