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2025_2 EXAMINATIONS

COURSE CODE: **CSS 804**

COURSE TITLE **Social Policy, Juvenile Delinquency and Criminal Justice System**

CREDIT UNIT : 3

TME ALLOWED : 3 HOURS

INSTRUCTION : Answer question **ONE** and any other three.

1. (a) Justify whether or not it is necessary to have a separate legal category for youths considering how dangerous young people can be. **15 marks**
(b) Do you consider it reasonable to group offenders on the basis of what they have done rather than on their age? **10 marks**
2. (a) With specific reference to Nigeria, discuss the age of criminal responsibility.
9marks
(b) Should juvenile court jurisdiction be raised or lowered? **6 marks**
3. (a) To what extent is it fair to institutionalize a minor simply for being truant or running away from home? **7 marks**
(b) Should the jurisdiction of status offenders be removed from juvenile court and placed with the state's department of social services or some other welfare organization? **8marks**
4. (a) Discuss the extent to which delinquency proceedings should be secret. **7marks**
(b) To what measure do the public have the right to know who juvenile criminals are?
8marks
5. Juveniles who commit felonies such as rape or robbery should be treated as adults. Discuss. **15marks**