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EXAMINATION FOR INTERNAL STUDENTS

For The Following Qualification:–

LL.B.

LL.B. Part II: Criminology – half option

COURSE CODE : LAWSII26

DATE : 16–MAY–05

TIME : 10.00

TIME ALLOWED : 2 Hours 30 Minutes

CRIMINOLOGY

Answer **THREE** questions.

1. All statistical sources show that the crime rate is higher for men than for women. What theories have been advanced to explain this differential between the sexes?
2. What, if any, is the contemporary relevance of theories of crime based on individual pathology?
3. "Market society promotes crime by magnifying a culture of Darwinian competition for status and dwindling resources and by urging a level of consumption that it cannot fulfil for everyone through legitimate channels." (Currie 1991).

Discuss

4. To what extent, if at all, are you persuaded by the predominance accorded to "meaning" in symbolic interactionist explanations of crime?
5. How useful are sub-cultural theories in helping us to understand crime?
6. Are we all naturally inclined towards criminal behaviour? Might this explain why crime is much more widespread than the official statistics suggest?
7. "Opportunity or situational theories of crime are likely to be more attractive to policymakers than those theories that are concerned with the structural and cultural forces influencing offending behaviour."

Discuss.

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