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SECOND YEAR FIRST SEMESTER EXAMINATION FOR BACHELOR
OF SCIENCE IN CRIMINOLOGY AND SECURITY STUDIES

CCS 104 – LANGUAGE OF CRIME AND DEVIANCE

DURATION: 2 HOURS

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES:

1. Answer question ONE and any other two questions.
2. Mobile phones are not allowed in the examination room.
3. You are not allowed to write on this examination question paper.

SECTION A – ANSWER ALL QUESTIONS IN THIS SECTION

QUESTION ONE (30 MARKS)

- a. Describe two ways in which language serves as a means of identity construction and as a tool for group cohesion. (6 marks)
- b. Highlight three characteristics of police jargon. (6 marks)
- c. Giving illustrations, define framing in crime reporting. (6 marks)
- d. Define the following terms as used in language variation. (6 marks)
 - i. Dialect
 - ii. Register
 - iii. Idiolect
- e. Describe two ways in which the definition of social issues in political discourse plays a role in shaping the narrative of morale panic. (6 marks)

SECTION B – ANSWER ANY TWO QUESTIONS IN THIS SECTION

QUESTION TWO (20 MARKS)

Explain how the use of slang and informal language within deviant subcultures function as a form of identity expression and social cohesion among members. (20 marks)

QUESTION THREE (20 MARKS)

- a. Explain three mechanisms of how the linguistic choice in regulatory policies shape public understanding and compliance with laws aimed at maintaining social order. (10 marks)
- b. Describe how victims of crime utilize language to convey their experiences. (10 marks)

QUESTION FOUR (20 MARKS)

Using relevant illustrations, explain any three challenges encountered in persuasive strategies during crime prevention campaigns. (20 marks)