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DEGREE OF MASTER OF LAWS IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE ADMINISTRATION
FINAL EXAMINATION – 2018/2019
LLPA303/LWP2103– CRIMINOLOGY
DURATION: 03 HOURS

Date: 29.08.2020

Time: 9.30 a.m. – 12.30 p.m.

Instructions for candidates:

- **Answer four (04) questions only. Each question carries 25 marks**
- **Candidates will be penalized for illegible handwriting.**

01. Explain the phenomenon of crime in urban societies from the sub-cultural perspective of criminal behaviour.
02. “The criminal law, predominantly based on the rational actor model of criminal behaviour, would not be effective in bringing about deterrence with reference to irrational perpetrators”. Comment on this statement referring to issues of the said theory.
03. Elucidate the criminological significance of the Anomie theory developed by Robert K. Merton and based on it, prescribe five national policies for the prevention of crime in Sri Lanka.
04. Explain crime and criminal behaviour in terms of the unequal nature of the socio-political structure of modern society with reference to relevant theories.

05. Elucidate the phenomenon of social construction of crime from the labeling perspective.
06. Review the basic assumptions of the social control theory developed by Travis Hirschi and propose as to how a community needs to be reorganized with the objective of strengthening law-abiding behaviour of all members.
07. How do you justify the treatment and re-socialization of offenders instead of punishing them in retribution? Answer in terms of theories discussed under the predestined actor model of criminal behaviour.

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