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## PROFESSIONAL GRADUATE DIPLOMA IN RISK AND SECURITY MANAGEMENT

### NOVEMBER 2020 ASSIGNMENT QUESTIONS

#### Level 2

#### CRIMINAL PSYCHOLOGY

COURSE CODE: RSM 205

#### INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATE

1. This question paper comprises of **3** printed pages.
2. The assignment is marked out of **75 marks**.
3. **ANSWER ALL QUESTIONS**
4. Start each question on a new page.
5. The assignment is due on the 9<sup>th</sup> of November 2020 and shall be uploaded on the CIRSM Student online learning portal website: [www.cirsm.com](http://www.cirsm.com).
6. Students should subscribe to the subjects they seek to write examinations on the website portal between the 18<sup>th</sup> of October 2020-8<sup>th</sup> of November 2020.
7. Students are expected **NOT** to exceed **4 pages** per question.
8. Students must submit the assignments in Microsoft Word format.
9. **Assignments expire after every examination sitting.**

**You are reminded of the need for good English and clear presentation in your answers.**

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#### QUESTION 1

Choose any environment you are familiar with so as to assess its influence on criminal behaviour.

- a) For the chosen environment identify its name, the geographical location, demographics and socio-economic activities prevalent. **[5 MARKS]**
- b) Identify and explain the crime prevention strategies that have been or that can be implemented by various stakeholders to reduce criminal behaviour in the environment chosen in question 1a) above. **[20 MARKS]**

#### QUESTION 2

- a) Discuss the challenges of “career criminals” in any society you are familiar with.

**[15 MARKS]**



- b) In the form of a policy paper to the Minister of Home Affairs and Cultural Heritage, identify and explain sound solutions to reduce the problems encountered with career criminals. **[10 MARKS]**

### QUESTION 3

**As a criminal psychologist you have been asked by the high court to assess the key players in this murder case, namely the victim and the accused.**

**THE ACCUSED:** Adrian is a 27 years old man who has been charged with murder of an acquaintance, Jonathan. A glimpse in Adrian's past shows that he was abandoned at birth by his biological mother who left him in the care of an elderly grandmother and never looked back on him. His grandmother died when Adrian was 6 years old. From then, Adrian has been in and out of children homes until 15 years old. He was also always in trouble at school. A social worker at the school did an assessment of Adrian and concluded that he had a low IQ, was below level of average intelligence, impulsive and was aggressive. He was caught using drugs on the school property on three occasions. He constantly lashed out and broke down in sessions about the fact that he did not know who his biological parents were, and felt unloved and rejected. He did poorly in school, disliked school immensely, was disruptive in class and skipped class. He was expelled from school at 15 years old for fighting with the principal and was sent to government industrial school (Bindura' lone young offenders' institution). From there, he graduated at the adult institution where he got his first criminal conviction at 17 years old.

When Adrian came out of prison, he was unable to secure a job because of his criminal convictions and joined men from a neighbourhood block called "The Notorious". He started selling drugs to make a living and eventually he made a career of out of it. Adrian has been arrested several times for various offences, including drug possession, assault, theft and serious bodily harm.

**THE VICTIM:** Jonathan was a 22-year-old slow learner who left school at 16 years old to help his mother to sell ground provisions in the city. He quickly became bored of this, and became caught up in a life of drug trafficking and violence. He was known by the police and at the time of his death had five convictions, all related to drugs or serious bodily harm. He had a tendency to be involved in violent acts.

Jonathan yearned power and started to sell drugs like cocaine. He quickly elevated to being called "The Boss" gaining respect from the younger boys from the area, who he eventually started recruiting from school to distribute drugs for him. He had numerous enemies on the street because of drug trade, and was constantly in conflict with men from a neighbourhood block called "The Notorious". He was also always known to walk around with large amounts of money and jewellery. Police investigations revealed that the victim left home on the night of his death and was on his way to pay an individual for a drug shipment. He left home with \$500 000.00. When his body was



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found, it had no money or jewellery. Police summed up the case as robbery and drug related. Both the victim and the accused live in neighbourhood inner city communities which are notorious for criminal activity and violence.

**Required:**

Based on criminological theories on crime, make a professional assessment of the key players, Jonathan and Adrian; that the Judge may rely on in coming up with a verdict. **[25 MARKS]**

**\*\*\*END OF ASSIGNMENT QUESTIONS\*\*\***