



## PROFESSIONAL GRADUATE DIPLOMA IN RISK AND SECURITY MANAGEMENT

### NOVEMBER 2020 ASSIGNMENT QUESTIONS

#### Level 3

#### FORENSIC INVESTIGATIONS

COURSE CODE: RSM 303

#### INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATE

1. This question paper comprises of **2** 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

In the murder case of the late Leslie John Denn, the former CEO of CMED, the high court blasted the Forensic department for poor handling of evidence and said justice could not be served with such substandard crime scene management and handling of evidence. Blood pattern evidence and ballistics evidence was said to be in shambles. In light of this, explain the challenges that can be encountered in handling blood pattern and ballistics evidence. **[25 MARKS]**

#### QUESTION 2

Police officers carrying out an investigation about a particular murder case stumbled upon a dead body in decomposition stages inside a house in Borrowdale. With the aid of relevant example and reference literature, describe how they would estimate the post-mortem interval, estimate the age and gender. **[25 MARKS]**



## QUESTION 3

There was a break-in at some offices which had COVID-19 test kits and they were stolen among other various items. You are the one who is in charge of the crime scene as a forensic investigator.

- i) Explain to the court the protocol you took to secure the crime scene.  
[10 MARKS]
- ii) Discuss how you would use the stolen COVID-19 test kits to trace the criminal.  
[15 MARKS]

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