



**MASENO UNIVERSITY**  
**UNIVERSITY EXAMINATIONS 2013/2014**

FIRST YEAR SECOND SEMESTER EXAMINATIONS FOR THE  
DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF ARTS (CRIMINOLOGY) WITH  
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

(MAIN CAMPUS)

**ACS 111: CULTURE AND CRIME**

*Date: 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2014*

*Time: 11.00 – 1.00 pm*

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**INSTRUCTIONS:**

- Answer THREE questions

Answer any THREE questions

1. (a) Using appropriate examples, explain the reasons for the widely held perception that poor people often take part in crime. (12 marks)  
(b) Explain how social scientists can reduce biased explanations of criminal behaviour in their work. (11.3 marks)
2. Using the works of Robert Merton and Albert Cohen discuss the relationship between culture and deviance. (23.3 marks)
3. Explain how modernity and globalization have contributed to new ways of thinking about crime and social control. (23.3 marks)
4. Discuss the extent to which social variables such as age, class, gender and ethnicity differentially expose individuals to crime victimization? (23.3 marks)
5. "Media representations are a major cause of violence." Discuss this statement using appropriate examples. (23.3 marks)
6. (a) Explain why punishment can provoke solidarity and hostility among the public. (11.3 marks)  
(b) Using a country of your choice, show how miscarriages of justice might be perpetuated by the criminal justice process. (12 marks)