



KIBABII UNIVERSITY

MAIN CAMPUS

**UNIVERSITY EXAMINATIONS
2020/2021 ACADEMIC YEAR**

FOURTH YEAR FIRST SEMESTER

**FOR THE DEGREE
OF
BACHELOR OF CRIMINOLOGY**

COURSE CODE: SCR 403

COURSE TITLE: VICTIMOLOGY

DATE: 14TH/JULY/2021

TIME: 2PM – 4PM

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

Answer question **ONE** (30 marks) and any other **TWO** questions (20 marks each)

TIME: 2Hours

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QUESTION ONE

The following is an extract from an internal memo recently written by the Department of Security and Safety Services of the University of Nairobi to all students of the institution. Read it carefully and answer the questions that follow.

CASES OF RAPE AND ROBBERY INVOLVING FEMALE STUDENTS

In the recent past cases of female students being robbed of their valuables and in the worst case being raped by their assailants in the city and its environs have been reported to this department. The common “black spots” have been found to be around university way next to KEMU building/Cooperative bank, St Paul Chapel and University Way roundabout area and around Nyerere road adjacent to Central Park. In all the three incidences reported since last year, a clear case of recklessness on the part of our female students can be drawn.

In one of the incidents, a female student entertained herself in one of the entertainment joints in the city and decided to walk alone (drunk) to the hostels at SWA. Unfortunately she met her assailants next to KEMU building at 00500 hrs where her bag was snatched and raped in turns by 3 men

Our advisory to you as far as general conduct in/from social places is as follows:

1. Always attend social places in the company of trusted friends
2. Always have your friends’/parents’/relatives’ family number handy(memorized)so that in case your phone is lost you can contact him/her
3. Avoid social functions with no social agenda
4. Always have a friend watch your drink as you go to gents/ladies
5. Don’t leave your drinks unattended. Do not accept sweets/ opened drinks from strangers in social places
6. If friends are dropping you after a night out, ensure he/she drops you at the hostels/ gate to your hostels and should wait until they confirm you are safe and then leave
7. Use of a reputable taxi company like UBER and make it a habit to send registration number of the taxi and constantly update your close friends or relatives on your movements
8. For female students don’t walk alone from the city center at night even in the company of other female students. Ensure you use secure means like taxi or wait until it is day time.
9. Always have in mind (memorize) any of our emergency 24 hours numbers... ready for use in case you find yourself in need of help. .

Signed

Ag. Director Security and Safety Services.

- a) From the above memo, justify the argument that victimhood is a social construct
5 Marks
- b) Explain the key arguments of victim precipitation theory and offer any FOUR criticisms of it using the above scenario
5 Marks

- c) Explain the attributes of an ideal victim implied in the above 5 Marks
- d) Apply the feminist victimological perspective to explain the incidents of victimization cited above and the responses to them by the university authorities 5 Marks
- e) Justify any FOUR rights of crime victims during the trial in the Kenyan judicial processes 10 Marks

QUESTION TWO

- a) Justify why victim impact statements should be discouraged in cases where the victim of crime has died 5 Marks
- b) "Governments often leave victims as the orphans of their criminal justice policies and social service systems". Discuss this statement while giving details of any THREE reform measures that the Kenyan government has implemented to change this situation 15 Marks

QUESTION THREE

- a) "The experience of criminal victimization tends to vary from person to person even where two people are subjected to a similar type of crime". Discuss this statement using five relevant illustrations of victim resilience and vulnerability 20 Marks

QUESTION FOUR

Elaborate on any FOUR measures that can be implemented by the judiciary to minimize secondary victimization of vulnerable crime victims in Kenyan courts

20 Marks

QUESTION FIVE

Apply the arguments of feminist victimology to explain the rising reports of gender based violence during the lockdowns associated with restrictions on movements associated with Covid-19 prevention protocols 20 Marks