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**MASINDE MULIRO UNIVERSITY OF
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(MMUST)**

UNIVERSITY EXAMINATIONS

2023/2024 ACADEMIC YEAR

THIRD/SECOND YEAR FIRST SEMESTER EXAMINATIONS

FOR THE DEGREE

OF

BACHELOR OF CRIMINOLOGY

COURSE CODE: SCR 301/SCR 216

COURSE TITLE: MEDIA, CRIME AND THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE

DATE: 5/12/2023

TIME: 3:00 – 5:00PM

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

Question ONE (1) is compulsory

Answer any other TWO (2) questions

TIME: 2 Hours

MMUST observes ZERO tolerance to examination cheating

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QUESTION ONE (COMPULSORY)

- a. Discuss how media representations influence public perceptions of crime and criminal justice. (10Marks)
- b. What are the implications for crime prevention and control strategies (10Marks)
- c. State and explain how media content may unintentionally contribute to criminal behavior or attitudes (10Marks)

QUESTION TWO

- a) Explain how technology plays a role in fighting crime within the realm of criminal justice. (10Marks)
- b) What are the ethical and practical considerations associated with its use in this context (10Marks)

QUESTION THREE

Explain the role of media in dispelling myths and misconceptions about crime, and how can the criminal justice system collaborate with the media to promote more accurate portrayals of criminal activity. (20Marks)

QUESTION FOUR

Identify and explain in which media's construction of key criminal justice components, such as the police, offenders, courts, and prisons, influence policy decisions and public support for various criminal justice approaches. (20Marks)

QUESTION FIVE

How do media sources contribute to the formation of social knowledge, and what role do moral panics play in shaping public perceptions of crime and justice issues. (20Marks)