

BINDURA UNIVERSITY OF SCIENCE EDUCATION
FACULTY OF COMMERCE
DEPARTMENT OF INTELLIGENCE AND SECURITY STUDIES

COURSE : PRINCIPLES AND METHODS OF INVESTIGATION
COURSE CODE : PS302/PS402
TIME ALLOWED : 3 HOURS
TOTAL MARKS : 100

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INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

1. Answer any **four** questions
2. Each question carries **25 marks**
3. Cell phones are not allowed into the examination room
4. Begin each fresh answer on a new page

Question 1

Explain the phrase "collecting information" relative to crime scene attendance in criminal investigation. [25 marks]

Question 2

- a) Discuss the legal significance of evidence in criminal prosecution. (20)
- b) 'Facilitator of individualization' is another term used to describe a criminal investigator. (5)
- Briefly qualify this term.

[Total 25 marks]

Question 3

By means of the hypothesis, the criminal investigator strives to re-create the situation at the scene of crime. Explain fully the following three means by which this re-creation of the crime situation can be made.

- a) Deductive argument (9)
- b) Inductive argument (9)
- c) Rational reconstruction (7)

[Total 25 marks]

Question 4

Aided by diagrams, explain the wheel and zone methods of systemic search at scenes of crime.

[25 marks]

Question 5

A thief, named Jake, impersonates one of your customers, Bob (Mr). He brings in a cash cheque which later turns out to be stolen) – made payable to your customer, and, fills out a deposit slip specifying that a large portion of the funds from the cheque are to be deposited into the customer's account and the remainder is to be paid in cash.

- a) What crime(s) if any has/have been committed by Jack, and why? (10)
- b) How would you foil another would be criminal like Jack in the future? (15)

[Total 25 marks]

Question 6

- a) Explain the legal requirement of conducting interviews (5)
- b) Describe the techniques used in conducting an interview (5)
- c) Identify and explain the three operational differences between interviewing and interrogation (15)

[Total 25 marks]

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