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DEPARTMENT OF INTELLIGENCE AND SECURITY STUDIES

COURSE : INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL ORGANISATIONS
COURSE CODE : FI 205
TIME ALLOWED : 3 HOURS
TOTAL MARKS : 100

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INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

1. Answer any four questions
 2. Question **ONE** is compulsory
 3. Each question carries 25 marks
 4. Cell phones are not allowed into the examination room
 5. Begin each fresh answer on a new page
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QUESTION 1 (Compulsory Question)

Crime lord **Musa J Abdul** on police wanted list for more than 2 decades escaped to his hide out in South Africa where he has orchestrated high profile heists since last year (2019). Information on him is still thin on the ground and is believed to have worked with the notorious robber Gift “tyres” Mwale. Abdul is believed to have evaded the long arm of the law to South Africa and has worked with armed robbers there who have the ambitions to scale up operations to a regional level. This is to scale up well planned and well thought out heists smash and grab style. It has been claimed that his network includes well paid informants as well as police officers who regularly leak investigation details. In South Africa Abdul is believed to have been arrested several times and released with the help of his police connections. The rest of the gangsters are young unemployed boys recruited here in Zimbabwe or South Africa. Police are now on the lookout for him and is reported to have made many mistakes of late and one more error he is gone. He probably has managed to bribe some police officers in the past to get information but it is now too risk because he is attracting attention from the highest office. Since August 2019 he is alleged to have commanded a gang of no less than 10 robbers armed with lethal rifles such as AK 47.

Extract from Sunday Mail 29/03/20. Story by Harmony Agere and confirmed by ZRP Assistant Commissioner Paul Nyathi.

Task

- (a) In your considered opinion, does the extract above suggest the existence of organized crime in Zimbabwe? Support your argument with citations from the passage above. (15 marks)
- b) Suggest possible remedies that the government of Zimbabwe can adopt to hedge the country to minimize on the operations of ICOs. (10 marks)

[Total 25 marks]

QUESTION 2

Discuss the assertion that ICOs form strategic alliances just like any other legitimate business for them to survive. [25 marks]

QUESTION 3

Identify sectors that have been predominantly targeted by international criminal organisations in the developing world and give a reasoned argument why such sectors have been targeted.

[25 marks]

QUESTION 4

Evaluate the assertion that international criminal organisations and terrorist groups are one and the same thing but different names.

[25 marks]

QUESTION 5

'International Organised Crime is an emerging security threat'. Discuss.

[25 marks]

QUESTION 6

Amplify on the validity of the assertion that regional and international cooperation in fighting international organised crime has helped in the shaping of current international relations.

[25 marks]

END OF EXAMINATION PAPER