

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

COURSE : Principles and Methods of Investigation

CODE : PS 302

TIME ALLOWED: 3 Hours

TOTAL MARKS : 100

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INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

1. Answer any four (4) questions
 2. All questions carry equal marks
 3. The question paper has 3 pages
 4. Begin each answer on a new page
 5. Cell phones are not allowed into the examination room
 6. Notes, handouts and Textbooks are not allowed into the examination room.
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Question 1

Discuss in detail the term “collecting information” in relation to crime scene attendance and investigation [Total 25 Marks]

Question 2

Distinguish between identification and individualization in criminal investigation. [25 Marks]

Question 3

- a) By definition, explain ‘overt and covert gathering of information’ (10)
 - b) ‘Agents provocateurs’ is a term used in relation to public order maintenance policing, and/or, crime investigation, briefly discuss. (5)
 - c) Discuss “Stationary/Stake-out) and Mobile observation in criminal investigation (5)
 - d) By example identify five contemporary observation methods used to gather information and monitor people (usually suspects) in most countries across the globe (5)
- [Total 25 marks]

Question 4

Illustrate by a diagram, and, briefly explain the Criminal Investigation ‘ (CI) Triangle of Crime Detection’ Method’s ‘three pillar’ perspectives [25 Marks]

Question 5

- a) Discuss the terms: “field notes” and “report” relative to the general requirements in criminal investigation according to Horgan (1979) et.al. (10)
 - b) Explain the following types of internal reports in criminal investigation:
 - (i) Technological; (ii) Synoptic; and, (iii) operational (15)
- [Total 25 marks]

Question 6

- a. Discuss two formal categories of police questioning (12.5)
 - b. Explain the phrase ‘Request Specimen Writing’ in Fraud Investigation (12.5)
- [Total 25 marks]

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