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Knowledge for Development

FACULTY OF EDUCATION AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

DEPARTMENT OF PSYCHOLOGY, CRIMINOLOGY AND SOCIAL WORK

2013/2014 ACADEMIC YEAR

SEMESTER MAIN EXAMINATION

DIPLOMA IN CRIMINOLOGY AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE

COURSE CODE: SCR 101

COURSE TITLE: INTRODUCTION TO KENYAN LAW AND THE LEGAL SYSTEM

DATE: 19TH AUGUST, 2014

TIME: 9.00 A.M. – 12 NOON

INSTRUCTIONS TO THE CANDIDATES

- **QUESTION ONE(1) IS MANDATORY**

ANSWER ANY OTHER THREE (3) QUESTIONS

1. Elaborate on the different sources of law in Kenya. Make sure you highlight the hierarchy of these sources of law and the relevant provisions (25 marks)

2. Kenyan law has its roots in the common law with little, if any, contribution from the other legal systems. Expound with reasons on whether or not you agree with this statement (15 Marks)

3. Elaborate on the respective functions of the principal's state organs in Kenya relative to each other and how they check each other's powers. (15 Marks)

4. Expound on the hierarchy of the various courts within the country and their respective jurisdictions (15 Marks)

5. Write short notes on any **THREE** (3) of the following: (15 Marks)
 - (i) Principle of *stare decisis*
 - (ii) *Ultra vires*
 - (iii) Committee stage in the law making process
 - (iv) Criminal justice system