

## WEEK TEN (10)

### TOPIC: COMMON CRIMES

#### THEFT

This is the act of stealing another person's property, it has to do with taking another person's property without his/her permission, For instance, if a student takes his colleagues biro or book without permission, it is theft,

#### CAUSES OF THEFT

1. Lack of contentment
2. crave for money and materialism
3. covetousness
4. kleptomania
5. peer group influence
6. laziness

#### EFFECTS OF THEFT

1. It tarnishes good image
2. it attracts serious punishment
3. it unleashes hardship on the victim
4. it may lead to huge financial loss on the victim

#### PUNISHMENT FOR THEFT

1. Life imprisonment
2. seven years imprisonment
3. Three years imprisonment
4. Twenty years imprisonment

The major punishment for theft by law is imprisonment, the number of months or years to be spent in prison depends on what is stolen and the mode of stealing, the judge will have to determine this, in Islamic judicial system [sharia], some people may lose their hand or leg for stealing.

#### RAPE

Rape is an act of having forceful sexual interaction with another person particularly a female gender, the female gender most often fall victim of rape by the male, but in few cases, a man can also be raped by a woman.

Rape is a very serious crime, it often leaves the victim with bruises and serious wounds,

Sometimes, the victim dies while being raped or later after the crime is committed.

## **CAUSES OF RAPE**

1. Exposure to pornography
2. peer influence
3. movement during odd hours
4. indecent dressing
5. Immoral music
6. occultic activities
7. Lack of self-control

## **EFFECTS OF RAPE**

1. Psychological trauma
2. Health problems
3. Danger of contracting HIV/AIDS
4. Social stigmatization.

## **PUNISHMENT**

The punishment for RAPE is imprisonment, the judge also determines the duration of imprisonment based on the seriousness of the crime, other forms of punishment include;

1. Life imprisonment
2. 14years imprisonment for sexual offence
3. 10years for incest

## **MURDER**

This is the act of taking another person's life ,it is the act of killing another person by using hand, gun, club, stone, any other materials or methods

## **CAUSES OF MURDER**

1. uncontrolled anger
2. Jealousy
3. Robbery
4. Vengeance
5. Politics
6. Business deals
7. Land tussle, etc

## **EFFECTS OF MURDER**

1. Psychological trauma on the family
2. Mental disorder
3. Financial difficulty
4. Life imprisonment
5. Death penalty

## **PUNISHMENT OF MURDER**

Murder usually carries death penalty, This could be in form of;

1. Hanging
2. Shooting
3. stoning

#### **ASSIGNMENT**

1. list any four effects of theft
2. What are the punishment for Rape?
3. State the punishment for murder?