PRIFYSGOL ABERYSTWYTH UNIVERSITY

SEMESTER ONE 2025/26

PSYCHOLOGY DEPARTMENT

PS21220: APPLIED FORENSIC PSYCHOLOGY

Time allowed : **TWO HOURS**

Answer 2 questions in total (from choice of 4) - all questions carry equal marks.

SEEN EXAM – NOTES ARE NOT PERMITTED

STUDENTS MAY SUBMIT ANSWERS TO THIS PAPER IN EITHER WELSH OR ENGLISH

Once seated, students may complete the front cover of the answer book(s) and the attendance slip ONLY.

DO NOT TURN THE EXAMINATION QUESTION PAPER OVER UNTIL INSTRUCTED TO DO SO.

1. Define cyber-fraud and phishing, and critically discuss how emotional appeals are used in phishing emails to manipulate victims into disclosing sensitive information.

2. Various methods have been developed to improve our ability to detect deception. Critically compare psycho-physiological methods (e.g., polygraphs) with strategic interviewing techniques designed to enhance cues to deception.

3. Evaluate the effectiveness of Offender Profiling for the prioritisation of suspects in police investigations and outline the skills psychologists can bring to detective decision making.

4. Outline why prisoners (people serving prison sentences) are regarded as vulnerable populations for psychological research and discuss what ethical considerations should be taken into account for conducting research with this group.

END OF PAPER