

A level Sociology: Specimen Questions

Paper 3: Crime & Deviance

4 marks

1. Outline two ways in which the media give a distorted view of crime. (SP1)
2. Outline two ways in which the law may perform an ideological function for capitalism. (SP2)
3. Outline two reasons for ethnic differences in criminal conviction rates. (17)
4. Outline two problems of defining state crime (18)
5. Outline two ways in which gender may influence the risk of being a victim of crime (18R)
6. Outline two reasons why deviant subcultures exist. (19)

6 marks

1. Outline three reasons why females may be less likely than males to commit crimes. (SP1)
2. Outline three reasons why some groups are more likely than others to be victims of crime.
3. Outline three functions that crime and deviance may perform (17)
4. Outline three reasons why more males than females are convicted of crimes. (18)
5. Outline three criticisms of the labelling theory of crime and deviance (18R)
6. Outline three reasons why victims may not report crimes. (19)

10 marks

1. Applying material from Item A, analyse two reasons why situational crime prevention strategies may not be effective in reducing crime. (SP1)
2. Applying material from Item A, analyse two reasons why globalisation may lead to an increase in crime. (SP2)
3. Applying material from Item A, analyse two ways in which deviant subcultures may respond to the difficulties of achieving mainstream goals. (17)
4. Applying material from Item A, analyse two reasons why white collar crimes often do not result in successful criminal prosecutions. (18)
5. Applying material from Item A, analyse two reasons for social class differences in official crime statistics. (18R)
6. Applying material from Item A, analyse two reasons why crime reduction strategies may not always be successful. (19)

30 marks

1. Applying material from Item B and your knowledge, evaluate the usefulness of functionalist approaches in understanding crime and deviance. (SP1)
2. Applying material from Item B and your knowledge, evaluate sociological explanations of ethnic differences in offending and criminalisation. (SP2)
3. Applying material from Item B and your knowledge, evaluate sociological contributions to our understanding of crime prevention and control. (17)
4. Applying material from Item B and your own knowledge, evaluate the usefulness of labelling theory in understanding crime and deviance. (18)
5. Applying material from Item B and your own knowledge, evaluate sociological contributions to our understanding of the relationship between crime and the media. (18R)
6. Applying material from the Item and your knowledge, evaluate sociological explanations of levels of female offending. (19)
7. Applying material from the Item and your knowledge, evaluate right realist explanations of both the causes of crime and the solutions to crime (June 15R)
8. Applying material from Item A and your knowledge, evaluate the usefulness of Marxist theories to our understanding of both crime and law enforcement.
9. Applying material from the Item and your knowledge evaluate sociological explanations of green crime (June 14)
10. Applying material from the Item and your knowledge evaluate sociological explanations of social class differences in the patterns of crime. (June 14)
11. Applying material from Item B and your knowledge evaluate sociological explanations of the functions and forms of punishment of offenders (June 13)
12. Applying material from Item B and your knowledge evaluate the view that the process of globalisation has led to changes in both the amount of crime and the type of crime committed. (Jan 12)
13. Applying material from Item B and your knowledge evaluate the effectiveness of crime prevention strategies in reducing crime. (June 11)
14. Applying material from Item A and your knowledge evaluate the usefulness of subcultural theories in explaining subcultural crime and deviance in society today. (Jan 11)