A-level
SOCIOLOGY
Paper 3  Crime and Deviance with Theory and Methods

Friday 15 June 2018  Afternoon  Time allowed: 2 hours

Materials
You will need no other materials.

Instructions
• Use black ink or black ball-point pen.
• Fill in the boxes at the top of this page.
• Answer all questions.
• You must answer the questions in the spaces provided. Do not write outside the box around each page or on blank pages.
• Do all rough work in this book. Cross through any work you do not want to be marked.

Information
• The marks for questions are shown in brackets.
• The maximum mark for this paper is 80.
• Questions carrying 10 marks or more should be answered in continuous prose.
  In these questions you will be marked on your ability to:
  − use good English
  − organise information clearly
  − use specialist vocabulary where appropriate.
Crime and Deviance

Answer all questions.

01 Outline **two** ways in which gender may influence the risk of being a victim of crime. [4 marks]

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Outline three criticisms of the labelling theory of crime and deviance.

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Read **Item A** below and answer the question that follows.

**Item A**

The different agencies of the criminal justice system, such as the police and the courts, are responsible for processing individuals who are suspected of committing crimes. Some individuals may also have greater motivation or pressure to offend, or have more opportunity to do so.

Applying material from **Item A**, analyse **two** reasons for social class differences in official crime statistics.

[10 marks]
Read Item B below and answer the question that follows.

**Item B**

Much media output is devoted to crime but the media offer a distorted portrayal of crime and criminals. The media are also often seen as causing crime, for example by creating a sense of relative deprivation or causing moral panics. The new media also provide opportunities both for committing crime and for policing it.

Applying material from Item B and your knowledge, evaluate sociological contributions to our understanding of the relationship between crime and the media.

[30 marks]
Outline and explain two disadvantages of using laboratory experiments in sociological research.

[10 marks]
Read Item C below and answer the question that follows.

Item C

Structured interviews are a relatively cheap way of studying a sample. Positivist sociologists favour structured interviews because they produce reliable data that can be used to test hypotheses.

However, critics argue that structured interviews are inflexible and that their results lack validity.

Applying material from Item C and your knowledge, evaluate the advantages of using structured interviews in sociological research.

[20 marks]
END OF QUESTIONS

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