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Paper 2 The Sociology of Crime and Deviance and Social Stratification

Tuesday 21 May 2024 Afternoon Time allowed: 1 hour 45 minutes

Instructions
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- 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.
- If you need extra space for your answer(s), use the lined pages at the end of this book. Write the question number against your answer(s).
- Do all rough work in this answer book. Cross through any work you do not want to be marked.

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Information
- The marks for each question are shown in brackets.
- The maximum mark for this paper is 100.
- Questions should be answered in continuous prose. You will be assessed on your ability to:
  - use good English
  - organise information clearly
  - use specialist vocabulary where appropriate.

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Section A: Crime and Deviance

Answer **all** questions in this section.

Only **one** answer per question is allowed.

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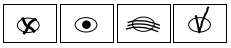
WRONG METHODS 

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0 1 What term is commonly used by sociologists to describe the criminal justice system?

[1 mark]

A Agent of behaviour ⬭

B Agent of informal control ⬭

C Agent of social behaviour ⬭

D Agent of social control ⬭

0 2 What term is commonly used by sociologists to describe a negative penalty for unacceptable behaviour?

[1 mark]

A Guideline ⬭

B Law ⬭

C Sanction ⬭

D Value ⬭

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0 3 Describe **one** way in which the media may affect the way the public view crime.

[3 marks]

0 4 Identify and describe **one** type of deviant behaviour that is tolerated by many people in society.

[3 marks]

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Item A

The Crime Survey for England and Wales (CSEW) is a large-scale victim survey, conducted by the government since 1981. It measures the amount of crime in England and Wales by asking people about the crimes they have experienced during the past year. The sample size is approximately 50,000 respondents.

Percentage of adults who were victims of crime by age, year ending March 2020.

Age group	Adults who were victims of crime (%)
16–24	23.7
25–34	22.3
35–44	21.5
45–54	21.1
55–64	19.2
65–74	13.8
75+	9.2

Source: Office for National Statistics

0 5 From **Item A**, examine **one** strength of the research.

[2 marks]

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0 6 Describe the type of survey in **Item A**. Identify the age group most likely to be victims of crime and explain **one** factor which may account for this.

[4 marks]

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0 7 Identify and explain **one** advantage of using self-report studies to investigate crime.

[4 marks]

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Item B

Merton was interested in how different people had different opportunities to fulfil their ambitions. Merton called these 'success goals' by which he meant things like earning money, having a good job or having a comfortable lifestyle. Merton believed that these goals were shared by most of society, but not all people had the opportunity to achieve these success goals. Merton said that there were five ways in which individuals could respond to the success goals in society, which were conformity, ritualism, innovation, retreatism and rebellion.

An individual's response to success goals was often determined by their opportunity to achieve them.

Source: Robert K. Merton, Social Theory and Social Structure.

0 8 From **Item B**, identify and describe **one** way in which an individual can respond to the need to succeed in society according to Merton, including what you know of his perspective on this issue.

[4 marks]

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0 9 Identify **one** ethical issue you would need to consider when investigating youth crime and explain how you would deal with this issue in your investigation.

[4 marks]

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1 0 Discuss how far sociologists would agree that criminal behaviour amongst young people is a significant problem in society.

[12 marks]

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1 1 Discuss how far sociologists would agree that crime and deviance are socially constructed. **[12 marks]**

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Section B: Social Stratification

Answer **all** questions in this section.

1 2 Which sociological perspective focuses on women being disadvantaged in society?

[1 mark]

A Feminism ⬭

B Functionalism ⬭

C Interactionism ⬭

D Marxism ⬭

1 3 What term is commonly used by sociologists to describe the adoption of middle class values and attitudes by members of the working class?

[1 mark]

A Class consciousness ⬭

B Class identity ⬭

C Embourgeoisement ⬭

D Instrumentalism ⬭

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1 4 Describe **one** way in which the glass ceiling may prevent someone from progressing in their career.

[3 marks]

1 5 Identify and describe **one** characteristic of the underclass.

[3 marks]

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Item C

Predicted life expectancy at birth for selected regions in England

Region	Male life expectancy	Female life expectancy
North East	77.6	81.5
North West	77.9	81.7
East Midlands	79.2	82.7
West Midlands	78.5	82.5
South East	80.6	84.1
South West	80.3	84.1

Source: Office for National Statistics, 2021.

1 6 From **Item C**, examine **one** strength of using official statistics to research life expectancy.

[2 marks]

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1 7 Identify and explain **one** factor that might account for the differences in life expectancy as shown in **Item C**.

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1 8 Identify and explain **one** advantage of using a pilot study to investigate life chances.

[4 marks]

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Item D

Davis and Moore believed that social stratification was vital in any human society – they said it was a 'universal necessity'. In order for the society to function effectively, all roles needed to be filled by those best able to do them. Those in the roles must be trained effectively, and they must perform their role conscientiously.

Davis and Moore argued that in order for this to happen there needed to be a system of unequal rewards given to different positions in society.

Source: K Davis and W E Moore, Some Principles of Stratification.

1 9 From **Item D**, identify and describe **one** factor needed for society to operate effectively according to Davis and Moore, including what you know of their perspective on stratification.

[4 marks]

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2 0 Identify and explain **one** practical issue sociologists may encounter when researching the reasons for inequality in society.

[4 marks]

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2 1 Discuss how far sociologists would agree that upward social mobility is possible in modern Britain.

[12 marks]

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2 2 Discuss how far sociologists would agree that disability is the most important factor affecting a person's life chances.

[12 marks]

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