PRIFYSGOL ABERYSTWYTH UNIVERSITY

SEMESTER ONE EXAMINATIONS, 2025/26

DEPARTMENT OF LAW AND CRIMINOLOGY

LC39120 TREATMENT AND REHABILITATION OF OFFENDERS

Time allowed: TWO hours

Answer TWO questions

Candidates are permitted to take ONE A4 page of handwritten or typed notes (both sides) into the examination.

Please state clearly which question(s) you are answering.

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. Discuss the implications of treating offenders with mental illness and/or personality disorders in custodial settings. In your response, consider issues related to comorbidity, treatment accessibility, ethical challenges, and the impact recidivism.

[50%]

2. Why are prisons less effective at reducing reoffending risk compared to community-based sentences? Critically consider factors such as rehabilitation opportunities, social reintegration, and evidence from research.

[50%]

3. Critically assess the role of Cognitive Behavioural Therapy (CBT) in the treatment of sex offenders. In your response, discuss the theoretical principles underpinning CBT, its application, evidence for effectiveness in reducing recidivism, and challenges related to program delivery.

[50%]

4. Are there effective treatments for offenders with substance misuse problems? Provide examples of interventions and critically discuss the evidence of their effectiveness.

[50%]

5. How successful are the disengagement and deradicalisation programmes used for extremist or terrorist offenders? In your response, you should review the major themes that need to be considered as part of any effective programme.

[50%]

6. The 'revolving door' of imprisonment suggests systemic failure in rehabilitation and resettlement. Critically assess this claim with reference to theory, policy, and practice.

[50%]

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