

Criminology

Time allowed: 1.5 hours (90 minutes)

Answer any Three questions

1. Theories of Crime

'Crime is a product of both individual choice and societal influence.'

Discuss this statement with reference to classical and sociological theories of crime.

2. Crime and Society

Consider the ways in which societal inequality may contribute to criminal behaviour. Within your response you should also consider actions that may be taken by the state to mitigate these factors.

3. Policing and Justice

Outline the effectiveness of community-based policing strategies in reducing crime rates and fostering trust between the police and the communities they protect. You should also consider the challenges these strategies face in implementation.

4. Victimology

Analyse the role of victimology in understanding crime. How can focusing on the victim's perspective contribute to enhanced policies and criminal justice practices?

5. Punishment and Rehabilitation

Compare the merits of retributive justice and rehabilitative justice as responses to criminal behaviour. Which approach, in your opinion, is more effective in reducing recidivism?

6. Media and Crime Perception

Evaluate the role of mass media in shaping public perceptions of crime. To what extent do media portrayals impact societal fears and subsequent policymaking?