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AQA A level Sociology**Explanations of crime and deviance.****1. Functionalist/Strain subcultural theories**

Understand Durkheim's theory of crime -the inevitably and positive functions of crime

Evaluate Durkheim's theory- Support for the idea that crime is functional and criticisms

Know & understand Merton's Strain theory - identify the 5 types of adaption to strain -CIRRR

Identify the strengths and weaknesses of Merton's Strain theory

Explain and understand Functionalist Subcultural Strain Theories (e.g. Cohen and Cloward & Ohlin)

Know recent strain theories and be able to evaluate them

2. Labelling theory

Understand why Labelling theorists regard crime and deviance as socially constructed

Explain the labelling process and its consequences for those who are labeled

Know the concept deviance amplification

Understand the difference between primary and secondary deviance

Evaluate Labelling theory in terms of its strengths and weaknesses

3. Marxist theories

Understand why Marxist see crime as inevitable in capitalist society and why capitalism is criminogenic

Explain Marxist views on the state and law e.g. ideological function of the law

Evaluate Marxist theory in terms of its strengths and weaknesses

Know Neo-Marxist theories of crime (Critical Criminology theory)

Compare traditional Marxism & Neo-Marxism views of crime			
Understand 'A fully Social Theory' by Neo Marxists			
Evaluate Neo Marxism/ Critical Criminologists			
4. Realist theories			
Understand the differences between realists and other criminology theories			
Identify the similarities and differences of Right & Left realism			
Know the cause of crimes according Right Realists- Biological/Socialisation/Rational Choice			
Explain the solutions proposed by Right Realists to tackle crime- Broken Windows/ target hardening/ zero tolerance			
Evaluate both the theory of Right Realism and their solutions			
Know the cause of crime according Left Realists- relative deprivation/marginalisation/subcultures			
Explain the solutions proposed by Left Realists to tackle crime			
Evaluate both the theory of Left Realism and their solutions			
5. Gender and Crime			
Identify the main gender differences in recorded patterns of crime			
Understand and evaluate the chivalry thesis in terms of evidence both for and against			
Know and evaluate explanations of the relationship between women and crime- Sex Role Theory/ Heidensohn Patriarchy / Liberation thesis			
Explain and evaluate explanations of the relationship between men and crime- Messerschmidt masculinity/ Winlow Body Capital			
6. Ethnicity and Crime			
Identify the patterns of ethnicity and crime as shown by different sources of data- Official statistics/ Victim surveys/ Self report studies			
Evaluate these different sources of data in terms of their strengths and limitations			
Understand the ethnic differences at each stage of the criminal justice system and explain them			

Know and evaluate sociological explanations of crime and ethnicity- Left Realists/ Neo-Marxists Gilroy & S.Hall			
Explain the relationship between ethnicity and victimization			
7. Media and Crime			
Identify the patterns of media presentations of crime (fiction & non-fiction) and how these differ from official statistics			
Know that news is socially constructed and the notion of 'news value'			
Understand and evaluate sociological theories about the media as a cause of crime			
Explain and evaluate sociologists views about the media causing fear of crime			
Know and evaluate theories on the media creating moral panics - S. Cohen 'Folk Devils & Moral Panics'			
Define concepts - folk devil/ deviance amplification/ Labeling/ Self-fulfilling prophecy			
Understand the relationship between new media forms and crime and social control			
8. Globalization and Crime			
Understand the ways in which globalization and crime are related			
Explain concepts such as Global criminal economy/ Global risk consciousness			
Give examples of global crimes			
Understand the relationship between globalization, capitalism and crime- Taylor			
Know and understand how globalization has led to new patterns of criminal organization			
9. Green Crime			
Understand how green crime is linked to globalisation			
Be able to define green crime and give examples			
Explain the concept of 'Global risk society'			
Understand the difference between Traditional and Green Criminologists approaches to studying green crime			

Evaluate different approaches to studying green crime in terms of their strengths and weaknesses			
Identify different views of harm: Anthropocentric & Ecocentric			
Explain different types of green crime- Primary and Secondary green crimes			
10. State Crime			
Define state crime and give examples of different types of state crime			
Understand the seriousness of state crime			
Know and understand Critical Criminologists theories of state crime in relation to human rights			
Identify the strengths and weakness' of human right perspective			
Explain how states conceal and legitimate crimes- Cohen theory 'The spiral of denial'/ 'Neutralization theory'			
Understand the social conditions in which state crimes become acceptable to carry out			
11. Control, punishment & victims			
Identify and evaluate a range of crime prevention and control strategies.			
Know and understand Situational crime prevention strategy			
Evaluate situational crime prevention strategy- displacement			
Explain and understand environmental crime prevention strategies- Concepts Zero tolerance/ broken windows			
Evaluate environmental crime prevention strategies			
Know & evaluate social and community crime prevention strategies			
Understand how punishment is a crime prevention strategy and how it can reduce crime			
Explain and evaluate different sociological perspective on punishment: Functionalist/ Marxist and Foucault			
Identify the main trends in sentencing and the impact this is having			
Know the main patterns of victimisation including gender, ethnicity, age and class			

Evaluate sociological theories on victimisation			
12. Sub-cultural theories and crime			
Explain the difference between reactive and subcultural theories of crime			
Understand and evaluate reactive subcultural theories of crime- Strain subcultural/ Marxist subcultural			
Know Independent subcultural theories of crime- Miller (focal concerns) and Murray (underclass)			
Evaluate Independent subcultural theories of crime - Matza Techniques of Neutralisation			
14. Crime and Locality			
Understand the social distribution of crime and deviance by locality			
Identify patterns and trends of crime in relation to locality			
Explain and evaluate sociological explanations for links between locality and crime			
Know & evaluate The Chicago school and explain concepts -social disorganisation/ cultural transmission/ differential association			
15. Crime and Class			
Know and understand the social distribution of crime by class			
Identify recent patterns and trends of crime and social class			
Understand and evaluate sociological explanations of class and crime: Strain theory/ see Sub cultural theories/ Labeling theory/ Control theory			
Give examples of white collar crimes and explain why they are under- represented in official statistics			
16. Crime and age			
Know and understand the social distribution of crime by age			
Identify recent patterns and trends of age and crime			
Understand & evaluate sociological explanations for the link between age and crime -Katz 'Edgework'/ Matza 'Delinquency &Drift'			