# **Crime Questions**

### **Measuring Crime & Deviance:**

- 1) Explain what sociologists mean by crime. (3)
- 2) Explain what sociologists mean by deviance. (3)
- 3) Explain one reason why deviance is difficult to define. (3)
- 4) Explain what sociologists mean by victim surveys. (3)
- 5) Explain what sociologists mean by self-report surveys. (3)
- 6) Explain what sociologists mean by official statistics. (3)
- 7) Explain what sociologists mean by the dark figure of crime. (3)
- 8) Identify and explain one advantage of using victim surveys to measure crime. (4)
- 9) Identify and explain one advantage of using official statistics to measure crime. (4)
- 10)Discuss how far sociologists agree that official statistics are a good method to measure crime. (12)

#### **Social Control:**

- 1) Explain what sociologists mean by social control. (3)
- 2) Explain what sociologists mean by sanctions. (3)
- 3) Explain what sociologists mean by formal social control. (3)
- 4) Explain what sociologists mean by informal social control. (3)
- 5) Identify one agent of formal social control and explain how effective it is. (4)
- 6) Identify 4 types of family found in the UK. (4)

## Factors and explanations of crime:

- 1) Explain one biological explanation of crime. (3)
- 2) Explain what sociologists mean by premenstrual tension in terms of crime. (3)
- 3) Explain what sociologists mean by maternal deprivation. (3)
- 4) Explain how primary socialisation could lead to a person committing crime. (3)
- 5) Explain how secondary socialisation could lead to a person committing crime. (3)
- 6) Explain why relative deprivation may lead to a person committing crime. (3)
- 7) Explain the role of peer groups in crime. (3)
- 8) Explain strain theory and anomie. (4)
- 9) Explain status frustration. (4)
- 10) Identify and explain one reason why the working class commit crime. (4)
- 11) Identify and explain one reason why boys commit more crime than girls. (4)
- 12) Identify and explain one reason why female crime is increasing. (4)
- 13) Identify and explain one reason why ethnic minorities commit crime. (4)
- 14) Explain what sociologists mean by institutional racism. (3)
- 15) Identify and explain one reason why young people commit crime. (4)
- 16) Discuss how far sociologists agree that crime has a psychological origin. (12)
- 17) Discuss how far sociologists agree that relative deprivation is the main cause of criminal behavior. (12)

- 18) Discuss how far sociologists agree that males commit more crime than females.(12)
- 19) Discuss how far sociologists agree that ethnicity is the main cause of crime. (12)
- 20) Discuss how far sociologists agree that crimes are more likely to be committed by members of the working class rather than members of the middle class. (12)

## **Functions of crime:**

- 1) Identify three functions of crime. (3)
- 2) Identify and explain one function of crime. (4)
- 3) Explain the Marxist view on crime. (4)
- 4) Explain the feminist view on crime. (4)
- 5) Explain what sociologists mean by double deviance. (3)
- 6) Explain what sociologists mean by the chivalry thesis. (3)
- 7) Discuss how far sociologists agree that the main function of crime is to provide employment opportunities. (12)

## Additional crime questions:

- 1) Explain what sociologists mean by white-collar crime. (3)
- 2) Identify and explain one type of white-collar crime. (4)
- 3) Explain one reason why white-collar crimes occur. (3)
- 4) Explain what sociologists mean by media amplification. (3)
- 5) Discuss how far sociologists agree that the level of youth crime reflects how well parents control their children. (14)
- 6) Discuss how far sociologists would agree that the mass media can affect people's awareness of how much crime there is in society (12)