

UNIT 4: CRIME AND PUNISHMENT

External assessment: 90 minutes

L01: Understand the criminal justice system in England and Wales

AC1.1 Describe processes used for law making

Process

- government processes
- judicial processes

You are required to show knowledge of the legislative process and the role of judges in making criminal law.

AC1.2 Describe the organisation of the criminal justice system in England and Wales

Criminal justice system

- police
- law creation
- courts
- formal punishment
- relationships

You are required to show knowledge of the organisation and role of the agencies involved in criminal justice. Learners should also consider the relationships between different agencies and the extent of co-operation that exists.

AC1.3 Describe models of criminal justice

Models of criminal justice

- due process
- crime control

You must be able to describe the theories of the two models of criminal justice.

L02: Understand the role of punishment in a criminal justice system

AC2.1 Explain forms of social control

Forms of social control

- internal forms
- rational ideology
- tradition
- internalisation of social rules and morality

external forms

- coercion
- fear of punishment

control theory

- reasons for abiding by the law

You are required to show an understanding of different forms of social control with reference to theory.

AC2.2 Discuss the aims of punishment

Aims of punishment

- retribution
- rehabilitation
- deterrence
 - prevention of reoffending
 - deterrence of others from committing similar crimes
- public protection
- reparation

You must be able to explain each of the aims of punishment.

AC2.3 Assess how forms of punishment meet the aims of punishment

Forms of punishment

- imprisonment
- community
- financial
- discharge

You must be able to assess how different forms of punishment meet the aims of punishment.

L02: Understand measures used in social control

AC3.1 Explain the role of agencies in social control

Role

- aims and objectives
- funding
- philosophy
- working practices
 - types of criminality
 - types of offenders
 - reach (local, national)

Agencies

- government-sponsored agencies
 - police
 - CPS
 - judiciary
 - prisons
 - probation
- charities
- pressure groups

You are required to identify agencies involved with social control and explain their role in achieving social control.

AC3.2 Describe the contribution of agencies to achieving social control

Contribution

- tactics and measures used by agencies
 - environmental
 - design
 - gated lanes
 - behavioural
 - ASBO
 - token economy
 - institutional
 - disciplinary procedures
 - rule making
 - staged/phased
- gaps in state provision

You are required to show an understanding of the range of techniques used by the agencies and be able to examine their contribution.

AC3.3 Examine the limitations of agencies in achieving social control

Limitations

- civil liberties and legal barriers
- access to resources and support
- finance
- local and national policies
- environment
- crime committed by those with moral imperatives

You are required to show an understanding of the limitations of social control agencies and able to examine the implications of these limitations.

AC3.4 Evaluate the effectiveness of agencies in achieving social control

Agencies

- government sponsored agencies
 - police
 - CPS
 - judiciary
 - prisons
 - probation
- charities
- pressure groups

You must be able to draw together their learning to evaluate the success or failure of agencies in achieving social control.