Summer Examination 2016

SOC300816N

Module Title: Crime and Punishment
Level: Six
Time Allowed: Two hours

Instructions to students:

- Enter your student number **not** your name on all answer books.
- Answer **two** out of **six** questions.
- Only work recorded in answer books will be assessed.
- Neither books nor notes may be taken into the examination.

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1. According to the American Friends Service Committee “The opposite of custody is not treatment, but liberty”. Critically discuss this statement in relation to the UK’s current penal policy.

2. Solomos and Black (1996) identified discriminatory policies and social exclusion as evidence that ethnic minority groups are being marginalised by the Criminal Justice System. Critically evaluate this notion in the 21st century.

3. According to Foucault (1967) in the 12th century in England and Scotland 220 lazar houses were opened to deal with leprosy. Are the government’s plans to increase prison provision, a way of dealing with modern day “lepers”?

4. In what way do the fluctuating prison population projections denote the politicisation of a criminological issue? Critically examine your response using the UK’s penal system as your guide.

5. Class and social inequality are terms that have been explored in many different ways in sociological discourses. In what way can these be considered from a criminological perspective? You will need either to address issue of social injustice or situational vulnerability.

6. “We must make prisons work” (David Cameron, 2012). Consider this statement and how it applies to youth offending and youth justice.

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