Module Title: Crime, Policing & Punishment in England, 1700-1900
Level: Five
Time Allowed: Two hours

Instructions to students:

- Enter your student number not your name on all answer books.
- Answer two out of six questions.
- The same material should not constitute a substantial part of more than one question.
- All questions are equally weighted.
- Begin each question in a separate answer book; label each answer book clearly with the number of the question you are answering.
- Students are not permitted to remove this examination paper from the examination room. For all purposes the examination paper remains the property of the University of Northampton.

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Answer two out of six questions.

1. How far did beliefs about the role of women in society affect the way female victims of crime and female defendants were treated by the criminal justice system in the long eighteenth century?

2. How have historians explained the decline in homicide and petty violence in the period 1700 to 1900 and how convinced are you by their conclusions?

3. ‘Peel’s “New Police” were an inevitable consequence of the rise in crime and disorder in the early 1800s’. Discuss.

4. To what extent was the collapse of capital punishment brought about by a new belief in the power of prison to reform offenders?

5. ‘Who is to expect morality in a half-starved man’? (William Cobbett, 1825). How useful is this statement in understanding the causal factors of property crime in the 18th and 19th centuries?

6. How useful is the characterisation of Dickens’ ‘Artful Dodger’ in understanding attitudes towards juvenile crime in the nineteenth century?

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