Examination Period 3: 2016/17

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Module Title: Crime and Popular Culture in the late Victorian City
Level: Six
Time Allowed: One hour and thirty minutes

Instructions to students:
- Enter your student number **not** your name on all answer books.
- Answer **two** questions: **one** from **Section A** and **one** from **Section B**.
- The same material should not constitute a substantial part of more than one question.
- Section A carries 67% of the overall mark.
- Section B carries 33% of the overall mark.
- 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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Section A

Answer one out of three questions.

1. To what extent did the Whitechapel murders exacerbate existing racial tensions in East London?

2. How useful is the Victorian conceptualisation of ‘deserving’ and ‘undeserving’ poor in understanding attitudes towards poverty in the late nineteenth century?

3. The on-going debate about the identity of the Whitechapel murderer is more interesting and valuable than any final solution to the mystery of who ‘Jack’ was. Discuss.

End of Section A
Section B follows overleaf
Section B

Comment on one of the following sources:

4.

PHOSSY JAW.
MESSRS. BRYANT AND MAY AT WORSHIP STREET.

SEVENTEEN CASES OF PHOSPHORUS POISONING NOT REPORTED.

THE FULL PENALTY INFLECTED.

[Special to “The Daily Chronicle.”]

Yesterday afternoon, Mr. Corser heard, at Worship-street Police-court, the summonses against Messrs. Bryant and May, Limited, for not reporting cases of phosphorus poisoning which had occurred at their works in East London. Messrs. Bryant and May were not represented by counsel, and their managing director, Mr. Gilbert Bartholomew, admitted the offences with which the firm were charged.

(Daily Chronicle, June 1898)
5. 'London's lust annually uses up many thousands of women, who are literally killed and made away with living sacrifices slain in the service of vice. That may be inevitable, and with that I have nothing to do. But I do ask that those doomed to the house of evil fame shall not be trapped into it unwillingly, and that none shall be beguiled into the chamber of death before they are of an age to read the inscription above the portal: "All hope abandon ye who enter here."

If the daughters of the people must be served up as dainty morsels to minister to the passions of the rich, let them at least attain an age when they can understand the nature of the sacrifice which they are asked to make. And if we must cast maidens—not seven, but seven times seven nightly into the jaws of vice, let us at least see to it that they assent to their own immolation, and are not unwilling sacrifices procured by force and fraud.

That is surely not too much to ask from the dissolute rich'.

(Pall Mall Gazette, July 6, 1885)