Examination Period 3: 2018/19

Module Title: Crime, Policing and Punishment in England, 1700-1900
Level: Five
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 the answer to more than one question.
- Section A carries 67% of the overall marks.
- Section B carries 33% of the overall marks.
- Begin each question in a separate answer book; label each answer book clearly with the number of the question you are answering.

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Section A

Answer one out of four questions.

1. ‘The decline in levels of homicide in the period between 1688 and 1900 can best be explained by the rise of the modern state’. Discuss.

2. How have historians explained the apparent differences in the treatment of male and female offenders by the criminal justice system between 1700 and 1900?

3. How did contemporaries in the period 1700 to 1900 explain juvenile crime and how did this inform their attempts to prevent it?


End of Section A
Section B follows overleaf
Section B

Comment on one of the two following sources:

5. My Opinion is, That our present Laws that relate to Murtherers, High-way Men, and House-breakers, are too favourable, and insufficient for the End they are intended. I fear not to say too favourable, even tho' they extend to Death; since that Death the Law enjoyns, is found unable to deter 'em. Were it not so, our Roads would not be so pester'd with that wicked Generation of Men, nor our Sessions-Papers Monthly, and the Publick News daily full of so many Relations of Robberies and Murthers, and all the Pleasure and Satisfaction of Travelling destroyed, as it is now, by being so dangerous and unsafe: and (which ought more to be regarded) a frequent interruption given to Traded and Business, by Robbing of Packets, and intercepting Letters of Correspondence and Advice; to say nothing of the insecurity of sending Exchequer and Bank-Bills by the Publick Conveyances.

I am sensible, That the English Clemency and Mildness appear eminently in our Laws and Constitutions; but since it is found that Ill Men are grown so much more incorrigible, than in our fore-fathers Days, is it not fit that Good Men should grow less merciful to them, since gentler Methods are ineffectual?

Anon: A new song on the Mannings (London, c.1849)