Examination Period 3: 2018/19

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Module Title: Forensic Psychology
Level: Six
Time Allowed: Two hours

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.
- All questions are equally weighted.
- Begin each section in a separate answer book; label each answer book clearly with the number of the question you are answering.
- Only work recorded in answer books will be assessed.
- Neither books nor notes may be taken into the examination.
- The use of calculators is **not** permitted.

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Section A

Answer one out of four questions.

1. Patients, clients or customers? Critically evaluate the language used describing “service users” in forensic settings such as the prison and/or secure units. Consider your answer using Goffman’s medical model.

2. “Rape is a crime of opportunity and opportunity knocks most frequently in a familiar milieu” (Brownmiller, 1975:349). Critically consider this statement in relation to sexual violence against women.

3. Is Eysenck’s conceptual understanding of personality a foundation to a theory of crime or a clinical error? Critically consider the theoretical conventions and the issues with his theory.

4. Is the association of criminality and mental illness a myth or an unfortunate consequence of inadequate care? Consider this question in relation to the vulnerability of the population against issues of wider safeguarding.

End of Section A
Section B follows overleaf
Section B

Answer one out of four questions.

5. The body of a 31 year old man is found in undergrowth at a local cemetery. The body has been found eight days after a local search was initiated by a specially trained police dog. The victim’s body had at least 12 blows to the head, in what the police described as a ferocious attack. The place the body was found was not the location where the attack happened. You are required to provide a preliminary profile of the type of suspect law enforcement should be looking for.

6. A 36 year old transgender woman has been murdered. She was found stabbed to death with a knife and a broken bottle in a hotel room near an international airport. The preliminary examination of the crime scene indicates that there was an attempt to clean up. The body was found half naked, partly covered by a rug on the bathroom floor. The victim had an account on a dating site for transgender people that appears to have been used before she disappeared. Create a preliminary profile for the case.

7. The bodies of two girls have been found in a park partly decomposed and burned. Two girls were reported in the area missing for about 15 days. The police are preparing for an investigation, what steps should they take?

8. An 85 year old woman was robbed in an alleyway during daytime. The woman died the following day in hospital where she had been treated for head injuries received during the robbery. The police officers involved believed the suspects approached the woman from behind and stole her handbag. In the process she was assaulted and fell to the pavement. The post-mortem confirmed that her cause of death was head injuries. Consider that you are working in the field and you are asked to provide a preliminary report on potential suspects. You need to report on the perpetrator(s)’ gender, age and other factors which you feel may be important.