

*Identify two types of legal punishment used in the United Kingdom today for those who break the law.
[2 marks]*

Type 1

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Type 2

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Describe the role of the courts. [10 marks]

Working in groups bullet point your ideas.

A01 - knowledge

A02 – application

Remember to need to refer to different sociological views towards the role of the courts in your answer.

Describe the role of the courts. [10]

Accurate use of sociological language, concepts and theory, if relevant.

- Crime.
- Social Control.
- Power.
- The function of the courts.
- Functionalism.
- Marxism.
- Norms, values, mores and legal codes.

The official role of the courts is to

The judge and jury have key roles in the process
(Defendant is innocent and guilty – criminal/)

Include the different types of courts

Different sociological views towards the role of the court

(a) Describe the role of the courts. [10]

The mark scheme is awarding marks for knowledge and understanding and the ability to apply this knowledge and understanding within sociological context. There should be sociological language applied to specific examples. Look for answers that may offer specific description of the functions of courts, and perhaps awareness of the social context of debates about justice. This knowledge should be contemporary and relevant. There should be some sense of context apparent.

Credit

- Accurate use of sociological language, concepts and theory, if relevant.
- Crime.
- Social Control.
- Power.
- The function of the courts.
- Functionalism.
- Marxism.
- Detection.
- Knowledge of the legal system and different codes.
- Norms, values, mores and legal codes.
- Reference to studies of crime and deviant activity, if appropriate and relevant.
- Applied examples that may have been studied in class.

Explain why sanctions may be used when a person is caught breaking the law. [8]

Look for answers that may offer specific understanding of sanctions and their role in society. Answers should display depth of understanding and offer a clear explanation about status. There will be explicit contemporary examples apparent.

Credit

- Accurate use of sociological language, concepts and theory, if relevant.
- Examples of sanctions
- Social control
- Social order
- Functionalism
- Norms and Values
- Laws, rules and mores
- Agents of social control
- Formal and informal social control
- Role of the media
- Marxism
- applied examples that may have been studied in class