

## **CRIMINOLOGY**

**Time Allowed – 1.5 hours**  
**Answer THREE Questions**

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1. Outline three reasons why some young people could be more likely to commit crimes and identify some ways in which the rate of youth offending may be reduced.
2. Women make up just under 5% of the prison population in England and Wales, yet in some instances, they are more likely than men to reoffend. In your opinion, why doesn't prison work for some women and what could be done to improve outcomes for them?
3. There is no data to suggest that cannabis use is more dangerous than alcohol use but the former is criminalised in countries around the world. Discuss some of the other arguments for and against decriminalising cannabis.
4. A Hate Incident is any incident (regardless of whether it constitutes a criminal offence) perceived by the victim, or any other person, as being motivated by prejudice or hate. Who do you think is more likely to be targeted by a hate crime and what do you think can be done to prevent it?
5. *'A man who kills is a murderer, but a woman guilty of violent crime becomes a proxy for all that is evil.'* Helena Kennedy in The Guardian; Tuesday 2nd of October 2018.

With reference to the above statement, outline some of the ways in which the media may present female offenders differently to male offenders and why.

6. The age of criminal responsibility in England and Wales is 10 years old, this means that children under 10 cannot be arrested or charged with a crime. At what age do you think children should be responsible for their crimes and why? Use examples to illustrate your response, where possible
7. Identify and outline what you believe are the three most important personality traits for a police officer to possess. Explain what effect these traits may have on public perceptions of the police.