

Tutorial letter 201/1/2018

The Explanation of Crime CMY3701

Semester 1

Department of Criminology and Security Science

IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

This tutorial letter contains feedback on Assignments 1 and 2, Semester 1.

COMMENTS ON ASSIGNMENT 1 – SEMESTER 1
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Present a detailed discussion on the radical conflict perspective, as well as its contribution to criminology (25)

Read through study unit 5.2 in your CMY3701 study guide, as stated in your TUT 101 you need to consult at least three (3) additional sources.

When presenting a 25 mark question/answer you need to include the following:

- a title page and
- a table of contents

Number your headings

1. Introduction

Present a historical overview with regard to the conflict theory, for example, name the theorists, date of development, reasons for the development etc.

2. Definition of the key concept

2.1 Conflict: do not consult an ordinary dictionary, the definition need to be subject related (you need to refer to your source/s of information, consult Tutorial Letter SCHCJALL/301/4/2018 on the standardised referencing style, available on myUnisa:official study material.

2.2 Conflict perspective: do not consult an ordinary dictionary, the definition need to be subject related (you need to refer to your source/s of information, consult Tutorial Letter SCHCJALL/301/4/2018 on the standardised referencing style, available on myUnisa:official study material.

3. Assumptions of the conflict theory

- What is the one fundamental assumption that conflict theories share?
- Explain the influence of power and why it leads to conflict
- Describe the six key elements
- What is the influence of scarce resources and their uneven distribution on people? Refer to applicable examples

4. The legacy of Marx and Bonger

- Explain how Marx`s interpreted the economic structure of a society
- Refer to the two fundamental social classes, how do they differ?
- According to Bonger`s capitalist societies appear to have more crime compared to other societies
- Will a socialist society be able to solve crime?
- Bonger lists three outcomes of economic conditions and also refers to the influence of the capitalist class on the creation and enforcement of laws
- Examples need to form part of your discussion

5. Exponents of the radical conflict perspective

5.1 William Chambliss`s

- What does Chambliss`s work stand for?
- Pay attention to the five propositions
- Explain Chambliss`s view on the difference between the low, middle and upper class with regard to then criminal justice system
- Include examples
- Is he more prone to socialism?

5.2 Richard Quinney

- In his explanation of crime Quinney paid attention to six propositions
- Include examples

6. Radical criminology and policy implications (evaluation)

- List the positive and negative aspects of the conflict perspective, it is advisable that you consult additional sources that will assist you with these aspects

7. Conclusion

You now have the opportunity to present your own opinion on what you have discussed; student is of the opinion...

8. Bibliography

List your sources in alphabetical order, include the internet sources as well (consult Tutorial Letter SCHCJALL/301/4/2018)

Pay attention to the following important aspects:

- Write in the third person, do not refer to yourself as I/me/you, rather student is of the opinion...
- Follow the correct referencing style as presented in your Tutorial Letter SCHCJALL/301/4/2018
- Consult a variety of sources (at least three sources excluding the guide).
- Do not copy any information from any source, this is regarded as plagiarism and is an offence (read section 8.1 in TL 101)
- You have to present the information in your own words without compromising the factual information
- Your practical examples can be fictional or based on real life events obtained from newspapers, personal experience etc.
- Pay attention to the comments made by the markers in order to prepare for the Oct/Nov 2018 exam

Exam format: May/June 2018

Section A:

25 Multiple choice questions

Section B:

- **2x 25 mark questions**, you select ONE (present an introduction, definition, headings, an evaluation & conclusion, this equals 5 marks + 20 for factual information)
- **2x 15 mark questions**, you select ONE (you do have to present an introduction etc. present headings as they appear in the guide, depending on the question you select)

- **2x 10 mark questions**, you select ONE (you do have to present an introduction etc. present headings as they appear in the guide, depending on the question you select)
- Total 75 marks, duration 2 hours

Examination preparations:

No demarcation is applicable

- Consult previous exam papers with regard to the 25,15 & 10 mark questions available on **myUnisa: official study material**, scroll down to the bottom of the page
- Work through the self-assessment questions after each study unit

Everything of the best with your studies.

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ASSIGNMENT 2 – SEMESTER 1
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QUESTION NO	CORRECT ANSWER
1	2
2	2
3	2
4	3
5	2
6	2
7	3
8	4
9	3
10	1
11	2
12	2
13	4
14	3
15	1
16	3
17	3
18	3
19	1
20	4
21	4
22	3
23	2
24	2
25	2

We trust that the abovementioned pointers will be of value to you. If you experience any specific interpretation challenges with regard to the study material please contact the Module Coordinator directly.

Good luck with the examination.

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