

Specification Area(s):	Defining crime and deviance, their social construction and relativity
You will need:	Kirby et al (“Sociology in Perspective”) p. 311 -318
Total Marks:	30

1. Briefly explain the difference between a social problem and a sociological problem (1 mark)
2. Using an example to illustrate your answer, define crime (2)
3. Using an example to illustrate your answer, define deviance (2)
4. Identify and explain:
 - a. One deviant act that is a crime (1)
 - b. One deviant act that is not a crime (1)
 - c. One crime that might not be seen as deviant (1)
5. Identify and explain:
 - a. Two things that were considered deviant in the past but are not considered deviant now (2)
 - b. One thing that is considered deviant now, but was not considered deviant in the past (1)
 - c. Two things that are considered deviant in our society but are not considered deviant in another society (2)
 - d. One thing considered deviant in another society that is not considered deviant in our society (1)
6. Identify and explain:
 - a. Something that is considered deviant for men but not for women (1)
 - b. Something that is considered deviant for women but not for men (1)
 - c. Something that is considered deviant for adults but not for children (1)
 - d. Something that is considered deviant for children but not for adults (1)
 - e. Two things that are considered deviant for one ethnic group but not for another ethnic group (2)
7. Using examples drawn from your answers to the above questions, explain what is meant by the “social construction of deviant behaviour” (5)
8. Using both historical and cross-cultural examples, briefly explain what is meant by the idea that “deviance is a relative concept” (5)