

Specification Area(s):	Social Reactions to crime and deviance and their consequences
You will need:	Kirby et al (“Sociology in Perspective”) p. 319 -322
Total Marks:	20

1. Briefly define labelling theory (1 mark)
2. Using Becker’s ideas to illustrate your answer, explain why labelling theorists argue deviance is not a product of what you do but of how people react to what you do (5)
3. Define “stigma” (1) and briefly explain its significance to labelling theory (3)
4. Why should we not assume deviance is an “homogenous category” (2)
5. How would labelling theorists respond to the arguments put-forward by non-sociological theories of deviance (4)
6. For labelling theorists, why is it not possible explain crime by identifying common characteristics shared by “criminals” (4)