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Access to Higher Education Unit

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Unit Title: Theories and Perspectives in Criminology

Graded Unit Reference Number: GA36CRI01

Ungraded Unit Reference Number: UA36CRI01

Module: Criminology

Level: Three (3)

Credit Value: Six (6)

Minimum Guided Learning Hours: 60

Learning Outcome (The Learner will):	Assessment Criterion (The Learner can):
1. Understand the differences between classical biological explanations of crime and more contemporary approaches	1.1 Explain the main characteristics of the biological approach to crime to include Lombroso, Sheldon and Raine
	1.2 Evaluate the biological approaches using at least one contemporary study
2. Understand explanations of crime from opposing branches of psychology	2.1 Critically analyse the main causes of crime according to two opposing psychological approaches
	2.2 Evaluate the usefulness of psychological approaches to explain criminal and/or deviant behaviour
3. Understand the sociological explanations of crime and how they have been applied to policy	3.1 Analyse two opposing sociological approaches in the explanation of crime and deviance
	3.2 Evaluate crime prevention strategies that have been influenced by sociological theories

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