

Mark schemes

Q1.

(a) [AO1 = 1]

1 mark for the situational explanation/deprivation model.

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(b) [AO2 = 4]

Level	Mark	Description
2	3-4	Outline of recommendation is clear and detailed. Application shows sound understanding of the situational explanation/deprivation model for institutional aggression. The answer is coherent with appropriate use of specialist terminology.
1	1-2	Outline of recommendation is limited/muddled. Detail is lacking. Application shows some misunderstanding or lack of clarity. Use of specialist terminology is either absent or inappropriate.
	0	No relevant content.

Possible content:

- ways of reducing the negative effects of five types of deprivation (Sykes 1958) – liberty, autonomy, heterosexual relationships, goods/services, security
- recommend prisoners have more space/liberty, eg fewer prisoners per cell, individual cells, use of open prisons, avoidance of over-crowding
- recommend allowing access to material goods, services, visits etc to avoid deprivation
- recommend more interesting daily routines, eg activities (learning/study opportunities, for the acquisition of new skills) to avoid boredom/aimlessness
- recommend the prisoners be given some choice/influence over their daily routine to allow autonomy/control eg use prisoner representatives to contribute to decision-making.

Credit other relevant material.

Note: can still credit relevant material for part (b) even if the answer to part (a) is incorrect or part (a) is not answered.**Note:** if answer to part (a) is incorrect can credit part (b) in respect of incorrectly identified explanation eg if answer to (a) is 'dispositional' then can credit any relevant application of dispositional in answer to part (b).

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(c) [AO3 = 2]

2 marks for a clear and coherent limitation with some elaboration.

1 mark for a limited/muddled explanation.

Possible limitations:

- use of counter-evidence showing that institutional aggression might be at least partly dispositional
- problem of showing cause and effect – difficult to carry out controlled research manipulating the prison conditions
- implications of accepting the situational explanation, eg cost of improving prison accommodation and prisoner education opportunities.

Credit other relevant limitations.

Note: credit limitations that match the answer to part (b)

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