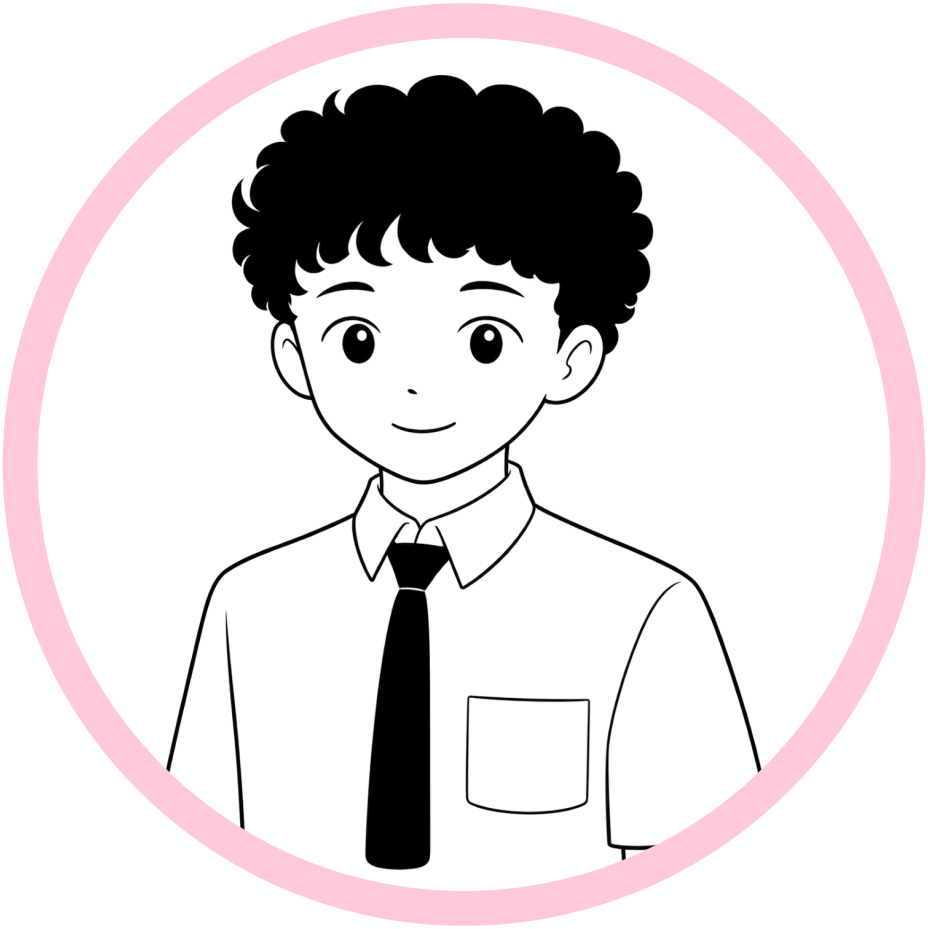
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EXAM QUESTION PACK

3.3.9 DEALING WITH OFFENDING BEHAVIOUR

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Q1.

A group of probation and prison officers attended a training session on how to deal with offenders. They each offered suggestions and the group leader wrote some of the suggestions on a flip chart. The table below shows some of the suggestions.

Get him to talk about what makes him angry
Make him do something to help the victim
Give him points for TV time when he behaves well
Teach him how to calm himself down
Teach him the link between behaviour and consequences

Discuss **one or more** ways of dealing with offending behaviour. Refer to some of the suggestions in the table above in your answer.

(Total 16 marks)

Q2.

Discuss the psychological effects of custodial sentencing.

(Total 16 marks)

Q3.

Prison staff compared two methods of managing anger in offenders. One group of offenders took part in cognitive therapy. Another group of offenders took part in discussion therapy.

After one month following the training, levels of anger for each individual were rated by prison staff on a scale of 0 – 100. The results are given in the table below:

Ratings of anger in offenders given either systematic CBT anger management training or general advice

Cognitive Group	Anger rating	Discussion group	Anger rating
1	37	1	44
2	45	2	22
3	23	3	74
4	17	4	36
5	41	5	66
6	32	6	63

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7	27	7	44
8	26	8	81
9	38	9	56
10	52	10	45
Median		**Median**	

Complete the table by calculating the median for the two groups. Show your working.
Why did the psychologist use the median as a measure of central tendency rather than the mean?

(Total 4 marks)

Q4.

(a) Following a series of riots in cities all over England, a politician was interviewed on the radio. He said, 'Rioters and looters should be sent to prison. We must send a clear message that this sort of behaviour is not acceptable. Society expects such behaviour to be severely punished.'

Briefly discuss **two** roles of custodial sentencing identified in the politician's statement.

(4)

(b) Another politician also took part in the radio interview. She argued, 'The people were rioting for a reason. They were angry with the police and lost control.'

Outline and briefly discuss **one** treatment programme for people who offend because they are angry.

(4)

(Total 8 marks)

Q5.

Experts have different views about how to deal with recidivism. Some believe that custodial sentencing is the best way of reducing re-offending; others think that prison may not be the solution and that there are better alternatives. There is also much debate about whether treatment programmes reduce re-offending.

Discuss ways of dealing with the problem of recidivism. Refer to the views outlined above in your answer.

(Total 16 marks)

Q6.

One role of a custodial sentence is to deprive an offender of his or her freedom. In this way, at least for the duration of the sentence, the offender is no longer able to offend and is no longer a threat to the public.

Briefly outline **two other** roles that a custodial sentence might serve.

(Total 2 marks)

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Q7.

Describe and evaluate anger management as a treatment for offending. Refer to evidence in your answer.

(Total 16 marks)

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