3.3 Globalisation and Crime in a Global Age: 10-minute Pack

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Total Marks

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Answer ALL questions. Use sociological vocabulary where relevant. Write full sentences for extended answer questions.

1 Identify and explain one strength and one limitation of using the concept of the 'network society' to understand modern organised crime.

(Total for Question 1 is 4 marks)

2 State one ethical issue researchers face when studying hidden global crimes such as trafficking.

(Total for Question 2 is 1 mark)

3 Explain two reasons why transnational organised crime networks often use money mules or intermediaries in different countries.

(Total for Question 3 is 4 marks)

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Question 1

identifies a strength, e.g. it highlights how global networks enable rapid coordination and information sharing	**B1**
explains the strength, e.g. this helps explain why some organised crime can operate across borders more effectively than before	**B1**
identifies a limitation, e.g. it can underplay the continuing importance of local conditions and face-to-face ties	**B1**
explains the limitation, e.g. local corruption, language and community ties still shape how networks operate in practice	**B1**

Answer: A strength is that the network society concept highlights how global networks enable rapid coordination and information sharing, explaining how organised crime can operate across borders; a limitation is that it can underplay local conditions and face-to-face ties, since local corruption, language and community connections still shape how networks operate on the ground.

Question 2

identifies an ethical issue, e.g. risk of harm to victims, confidentiality or the difficulty of gaining informed consent	**B1**

Answer: Researchers risk causing harm to victims or breaching confidentiality, making informed consent and protecting participants major ethical issues when studying hidden global crimes such as trafficking.

Question 3

identifies one reason, e.g. to launder money and obscure the origin of proceeds	**B1**
development of first reason, e.g. routing funds through many accounts and jurisdictions makes detection harder	**B1**
identifies a second reason, e.g. to reduce the risk to core organisers by using expendable local operatives	**B1**
development of second reason, e.g. intermediaries absorb risk and make investigations focus on visible low-level actors rather than leaders	**B1**

Answer: They use money mules to launder money and obscure the origin of proceeds, because routing funds through many accounts and jurisdictions makes detection harder; and they use intermediaries to reduce risk to core organisers, since expendable local operatives absorb exposure and divert investigative attention away from leaders.

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