3.5 Victimology: Explaining Patterns of Victimisation: 10-minute Pack

AQA 7192 · about 10 minutes

Total Marks

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Answer ALL questions. For five questions you must write full sentences: Q5, Q8, Q9, Q16 and Q15. Use sociological vocabulary where appropriate. Time guidance: 10 minutes.

1 Explain two strengths of using the Crime Survey for England and Wales (CSEW) when studying patterns of victimisation, including hidden victims and repeat victimisation.

(Total for Question 1 is 4 marks)

2 Identify and explain one way Left Realist ideas link to critical victimology when explaining patterns of victimisation.

(Total for Question 2 is 4 marks)

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Question 1

identifies a strength, e.g. the CSEW captures crimes not reported to the police, helping reveal hidden victims	**B1**
develops the strength, e.g. by surveying households it uncovers victimisation the police data miss, improving representativeness	**B1**
identifies a second strength, e.g. the CSEW records repeat victimisation and frequencies, not just single incidents	**B1**
develops the second strength, e.g. this helps understand the concentration of crime on a small number of victims and informs prevention	**B1**

Answer: The CSEW captures crimes not reported to the police, revealing hidden victims by surveying households and improving representativeness, and it records repeat victimisation and frequencies, which helps show the concentration of crime on a small number of victims and informs prevention strategies.

Question 2

identifies a link, e.g. Left Realism highlights relative deprivation and community breakdown as causes of victimisation	**B1**
explains how this fits critical victimology, e.g. critical approaches focus on structural inequality and power as causes of victimisation	**B1**
develops explanation, e.g. relative deprivation can increase property crime and thus increase victimisation in deprived areas	**B1**
applies to victimology, e.g. critical victimology therefore looks beyond individual blame to social causes	**B1**

Answer: Left Realism's emphasis on relative deprivation and community breakdown links to critical victimology because both focus on structural inequality and power as causes of victimisation; relative deprivation can increase property crime and victimisation in deprived areas, so critical victimology looks beyond individual blame to social causes.

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