



## BRIDGING THE GAP

Course Title	Examination Board & Web Address
Btec Criminology	EDUQAS: <a href="http://www.eduqas.co.uk">www.eduqas.co.uk</a>
<b>Units/Topics Studied:</b>	
Different types of crime   Reasons why crimes go unreported   Consequences of unreported crime Media representation of crime   The impact of the media on the public's perception of crime Campaigns for change Understanding criminality   Biological, individualistic and sociological theories of crime Understand causes of policy change	
<b>Bridging Tasks</b>	
<b>Part one:</b> Find the answers to the following questions: <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Can someone be a 'born criminal' or 'born evil'? Explain your views</li><li>2. What makes someone become a criminal?</li><li>3. What do you know of 'nature versus nurture'? Which side would you agree has a bigger impact on criminal behaviour?</li><li>4. Do you think that criminals can be rehabilitated?</li><li>5. Are prisons an effective form of punishment? Why/why not?</li></ol>	
<b>Part Two:</b> Read the following crimes and discuss which punishment you think would be the most suitable from the list. <b>Crime 1</b> – A teenage boy is arrested and charged with the act of vandalism on his school. He claims that he was creating a purposeful piece of art as part of his A Level Art project, graffiti artwork which comments on education budget cuts. The vandalism covers an entire wall of the three storey building and is able to be seen by the public passing by. <b>Crime 2</b> – A woman over the age of 25 is arrested for speeding in her car. She was caught driving at 67 mph in a 30 mph restricted zone. She said that she was late for a hospital appointment. <b>Crime 3</b> – A woman is accused of murdering her husband, who was convicted of assaulting her previous to the murder. She claims that she killed him in self-defence. He was stabbed with their kitchen knife 12 times. <b>Crime 4</b> – A man has been reported to the police several times by his neighbours for his dogs excessive barking. He owns six dogs which neighbours claim bark throughout the day and night, dig up their gardens, use their gardens to do the toilet and one of the dogs is reported to have bitten a neighbour. The man has done nothing to try to resolve this noise disturbance by his dogs.	
<b><u>Punishments:</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• A fine</li><li>• Community service</li><li>• Life imprisonment (25 years)</li><li>• Banned from driving</li><li>• Points on their licence</li></ul>	

- Acquittal (no jail time and no criminal record)
- Imprisonment for a short-term (2-5 years)
- Voluntary Manslaughter for diminished responsibility
- Being given an Anti-Social Behaviour Order (ASBO)
- Banned from social media
- Restraining order
- Reparations (pay money to the victim)