**Discuss Eysenck’s theory of the criminal personality (16 marks)**

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| **AO1: description of theory (6 marks)** |  |
| Describe how the biological basis of personality interacts with socialisation (and immaturity of the criminal) | |
| Describe the three factors of personality important for crime – give details of each make sure you link the personality type with criminal behaviour  Extraversion:  Neuroticism:  Psychoticism: | |
| Briefly state how Eysenck measured the personality types | |
| **AO3: How effective is it as a theory of crime? (10 marks)** | |
| **Supporting evidence (Eysenck 1977)** | |
| **Contradictory evidence (Farrington et al, 1982 and Hollin, 1989)** | |
| **Issues and debates: Nature vs nurture – interactionist explanation** | |
| **Conclusion: (interesting and some evidence but lacks predictive validity)** | |