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| 1. **Outline and evaluate the Psychodynamic approach as an explanation of crime (8/16 marks)**   **Q) Discuss one or more psychological explanations of criminal behavior (16 marks)** |
| **AO1 (3/6 marks):**   * The psyche is made up of the id, ego and superego * The superego works on the morality principle and represents the internalised parent * Blackburn (1993) argued that if an individual's superego is somehow deficient or inadequate then their conscience has not developed properly therefore they are more likely to commit criminal behaviour. For example, a weak superego may lead to sex or violent crimes * Criminals then will justify their crimes using ego defence mechanisms, such as displacement |
| **AO1 (6 marks) – add the detail**  **Weak super ego leads to:**  **Deviant superego leads to:**  **Strong superego leads to:**  **Defence mechanisms include displacement, rationalisation and sublimation:** |
| **AO3** (8/16 marks) Gender bias (alpha bias)  Link to question?… |
| **AO3 (**16 marks): Lack of empirical support and falsifiability  Link to question?... |
| **AO3** (16 marks): Challenging evidence/alternative theories – focusing on same sex and single parent families not leading to increased criminality, so better explanations exist.  Link to question?... |
| **AO3** (16 marks – optional): linked to defence mechanisms (see pack)  Link to question?... |