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**MODERN THEORIES AND
JUVENILE JUSTICE IN
CRIMINOLOGY**

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INSTRUCTIONS

- This paper has two sections - Section A and Section B.
- Section A consists of four questions, answer all questions.
- Section B consists of three questions, answer any two questions.
- Write neatly and legibly.
- Number your answers correctly

SECTION A (ANSWER TWO QUESTIONS FROM THIS SECTION)

QUESTION 1

1. How can the principles of Anomie theory be applied to the analysis of contemporary social problems, such as poverty and inequality? [25 Marks]

QUESTION 2

2. Discuss the role of reinforcement in shaping human behaviour according to “social learning perspective.” [25 marks]

QUESTION 3

3. How does Labeling Theory explain the process of criminalization and stigmatization of individuals in social milieu? [25 marks]

SECTION B (ANSWER ALL QUESTIONS FROM THIS SECTION)

QUESTION 4

Under the Child Justice Act, Sarah is eligible for a diversion program that will involve her family and community in addressing the underlying causes of her behavior. Sarah's case is referred to a restorative justice conference, where she, her mother, the store owner, and a trained facilitator meet to discuss the harm caused by Sarah's shoplifting and agree on a plan to repair that harm.

During the conference, Sarah admits to stealing the items and apologizes to the store owner. The store owner explains how the theft has affected his business and expresses his concern for Sarah's future. Sarah's mother also apologizes for her daughter's behavior and acknowledges the need for support to address Sarah's underlying issues.

4. How can the Child Justice Act and the Juvenile Justice Act be used to promote restorative justice for children who commit crimes, and why is this approach important? [15 marks]

QUESTION 5

John is a 16-year-old boy who has been charged with assault. He and a group of friends were involved in a fight with another group of boys at a local park. John's parents are divorced, and he has been living with his mother and stepfather for the past year. John has no previous convictions.

5. What are the key provisions of the Child Justice Act regarding diversion and alternative sentencing for children who commit crimes? **[10 Marks]**

QUESTION 6

A 14-year-old boy who has been charged with theft. Alex stole a mobile phone from another student at his school.

6. What is the purpose of the Child Justice Act, and how does it differ from the Juvenile Justice Act? **[10 Marks]**

QUESTION 7

7. Briefly describe the scope and importance of the Child Justice Act in the context of South Africa. **[15 Marks]**