

CCJ 4001

Historical Perspectives and Academic Development

Assignment Guidelines



Assessment 1

2,000 Word Written Piece

Essay

LO1: Describe the social and historical development of the criminal justice system and the role of key organisational careers in today's society.



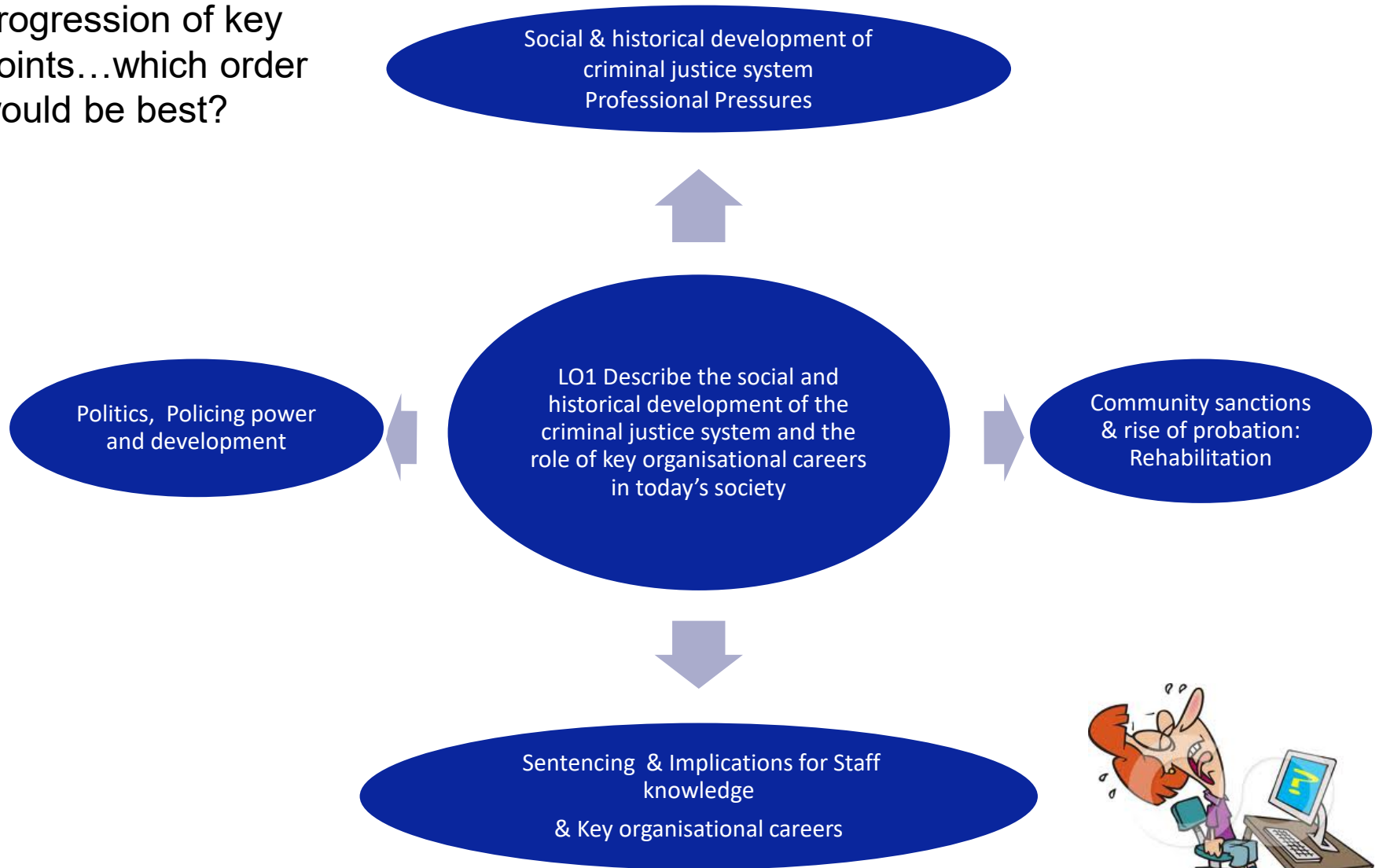
Assignment Title:

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- **Format:** (size 12 font, Ariel, double line spacing, justified margins, student number in header; page numbers in footer)
- Check what is required: Report, **Essay**, Case Study, Reflection, collection of evidence etc.
- **Structure:**
 - Front title page: Course, module & code; marking tutor, word count, date
 - **Word count dissemination:**
 - Introduction 10% of word count (200)
 - Main body: how many relevant learning outcomes/ equal in size?) (divided by number of **learning outcomes** or key concepts)
 - Conclusion 10% of word count (200)
 - Bibliography (Harvard style format)



Consider logical progression of key points...which order would be best?



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Introduction

- Make sure your introduction accurately reflects the learning outcomes (Check in your module handbook), including additional specific detail....i.e. state the problem:
 - For example whose definitions, what criminal type of case, which theories, which political ideologies, which survey measurements used as evidence re the policy making process etc.
- You are (setting the scene) telling the marker how, within the essay you are going to meet the learning outcomes in the order of the main body items



LO1: 'Describe the social and historical development of the criminal justice system and the role of key organisational careers in today's society'.

Consider the following:

Reflect on power points from the weekly sessions key points

- Social and historical development of the criminal justice system
- Policing Power and developing roles in society
- Community sanctions and the rise of the probation service
- Custodial sentencing and implications for staff knowledge and skills
- Rehabilitation of offenders and the balance of professional pressures
- The influence of contemporary politics and the criminal justice/careers (job – rise of 3rd sector organisations)

Conclusion

- **Conclude your essay with one or more of the following:**
- Include a brief summary of the paper's main points
- Ask a provocative question...
 - (but don't intro new information...this is more about making a strong point)
- Evoke a vivid image linked to the above
- Call for some sort of action
- End with a warning
 - (this could link to political views on £ implications or target outcomes)
- Suggest results or consequences



Referencing & Bibliography

- You MUST reference your essay throughout
 - Paraphrase any information/ reading from sources & reference (name & year) in the main body of your essay + full detail list in your bibliography
 - Use quotations sparingly: 2 max
- Your bibliography must be ‘Harvard Style’: see previous power point & or LEAP Online via Library

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