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Repeat Paper

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Instructions: Please answer **THREE** questions. All questions carry equal marks.
 Please indicate on your answer books which questions have been attempted.

Duration 2 hours
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Requirements:

MCQ
 Handout
 Statistical Tables
 Graph Paper
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 Other Material

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1. Critically analyse the role of the police in the enforcement of law, paying particular attention to the issues of police discretion, culture and accountability. Support your answer by reference to appropriate legal and other authority.
2. Answer (a) *and* (b):
 - a) Compare and contrast the beliefs of Savigny and Sumner regarding the social origins of law.

AND:

- b) What was Ehrlich's 'living law'?
3. Outline and critically discuss the principal tenets of Marxism. What are the implications of Marxist beliefs for an understanding of law?
4. Outline, compare and contrast the principal tenets of Positivism, Legal Realism and Natural Law, paying particular attention to the role played by values in each school of thought.
5. ...[T]he constant Irish adherence to a criminalisation and law enforcement approach has led to no lasting benefits, but has ... coincided with and contributed considerably to an ever-worsening illicit drugs crisis.
- O'Mahony, *Criminal Chaos: Seven Crises in Irish Criminal Justice* (1996), p.70.
Discuss critically, supporting your answer by reference to appropriate legal and other authority.

6. Answer (a) *or* (b):
 - a) Critically discuss the law of rape from a socio-legal perspective, paying particular attention to the criticisms of feminist theorists.

OR:

- b) What are the aims of the criminal law with regard to the punishment of offenders? How successful is the law in achieving these objectives? Support your answer by reference to appropriate authority.

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