**Essay plan: Corporate crime**

Item: Some sociologists focus on the ‘crimes of the powerful’. Crimes committed in the interests of businesses and other large institutions can be far more harmful and costly than street crimes that we tend to think of as ‘real crime’. Corporate crime can involve breaking criminal laws but may also include breaking other kinds of law. Some sociologists argue that corporate crime results from pressures to succeed, leading to employees pursuing business aims by illegitimate means. However, others claim that it is the product of capitalism.

**Applying material from the Item and you knowledge, evaluate sociological explanations of corporate crime [30 marks]**



Paragraphs in 20 and 30 mark essays:

The Sociology sandwich is exactly the same as the burger idea we use for 10 marker, but it needs you to include more analysis/evaluation (using other studies, theories or methodology) to counter the point you are making. Each paragraph should have the elements of this ‘sandwich’ before you move onto your next point.



**Key areas of the question that you need to address:**

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| What does the question want? | |
| **Introduction:** needs to address the debate and define key concepts in the question | |
| How could you use the **item** | |
| What key concepts will need to be included? | |
| **Explanation 1(including named sociologists, concepts and contemporary examples)** | **Comparison to other theories, problems with this explanation** |
| **Explanation 2** | **Comparison and evaluation** |
| **Explanation 3** | **Comparison and evaluation** |
| **Explanation 4** | **Comparison and evaluation** |
| Conclusion- weigh up the debate: is one of the explanations better than the others? Do we need to combine explanations? Is it that corporate crime is just problematic? | |