**Essay plan: Left Realism**

**Item B:** Left realists see crime as a real problem, especially for the disadvantaged groups who are its victims. They see the causes of crime as located in the structure of late modern society, with its high levels of exclusion and insecurity. Their views on how to tackle the problem of crime have had some influence on official policy, particularly under New Labour governments.

***Applying material from Item B and your knowledge, evaluate the contribution of left realism to our understanding of crime and deviance [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? | |
| Evidence **for the argument** in the question (including named studies/concepts) | **Counter arguments** to these (including named studies/theories/concepts) |
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| Conclusion- weigh up the debate: based on the evidence you have presented, is left realism an effective theory or crime and deviance? | |