Soc 1000
Study Questions
Conformity, Deviance & Crime

1. Identify and describe the five “models” of abnormality or deviance as described in class. What is the source of the abnormality?
2. How does the “social pathology” model view deviance?
3. How does “conflict theory” view deviance?
4. Explain the “functionalist” view of deviance?
5. What did Robert Merton have to say about deviance?
6. Explain Robert Merton’s “modes of adaptation” model that explained deviance. You can use a table if you like to help you explain this.
7. Give examples of each of these modes using the “middle class” as an example.
8. Explain Cesar Lombroso’s ideas about the source of deviance in society. What does the term “atavistic” mean?
9. Help me understand what Sheldon was getting at when he talked about how criminality was related to body type.
10. What is recruitment when it comes to crime?
11. How is labeling important when it comes to crime?
12. According to functionalism, what two important functions does deviance fill for society?
13. What does “social control” mean? Can you give an example of a form of social control?
14. What is a “stigma”? Give an example of one.
15. What is a “victimless” crime? Can you give an example of one?
16. What is the “crime index” and is it accurate?
17. What do we know about deviance over time?
18. Are people in agreement over how to deal with crimes, for example, felonies? Can you give examples to support your point?
19. Which group of individuals is most often involved in homicides among citizens in the U.S.?
20. Plus or minus 50,000, what is the population in U.S. prisons in 2003?