Please answer parts I and II separately. For both parts, your answer should be in essay format containing an introduction, body, and conclusion.

**PART I**
Citing relevant literature, discuss the development of one of the following theories of crime. Your response should discuss the major components of the theory and how it explains crime. Be sure to discuss the strengths and criticisms of the theory, along with its empirical status. Finally, identify implications for policy.

- Environmental Theory
- General Strain Theory
- General Theory of Crime
- Life Course Theory
- Social Disorganization Theory
- Social Learning Theory
- Rational Choice

**PART II**
There is often a disconnect between criminal justice practice and criminological theory in addressing crime and criminal behavior. Pick one example of a policy or program that you feel represents the dissonance among theory and practice. You may use any criminal justice practice and are free to use any criminological theory, aside from the one used in Part I.

Using the selected policy/program, do the following:
1) Describe the phenomenon being addressed (e.g., reduction in recidivism, reducing crime in a given place).
2) Describe a current policy or program in place to address this problem.
3) Identify a theoretically informed revision or new approach to the current practice (e.g., how should current policy/program be reformed/modified).
4) Describe the anticipated benefit resulting from the changes.
5) Speculate why this dissonance remains in light of our research knowledge (e.g., what barriers exist that prevent the use of theory in crafting policy or developing programs in this area?).

When addressing numbers 2 and 3, be sure to highlight the differences between current practice and what research/theory says should be done. When addressing number 4, consider effectiveness, efficiency or equity as at least one of your anticipated improvements and explain why you expect this outcome. You should also include others as you see fit.