NOTE: This exam draws upon assigned readings and discussions from Criminology 1 and Criminology 2 as well as additional works on the Criminology Comprehensive exam Reading List.

You must answer both questions:

I. In *A Suitable Amount of Crime*, Nils Christie writes, “So much is crime, and nothing. Crime is a concept free for use (x).” Explain Christie’s assertion about the uses of the concept of crime and explain how it relates to his overall argument about “a suitable amount of crime” and punishment.

Provide an example from the text.

Review one criminological theory (e.g., classical school, strain/anomie, control/disorganization, learning/culture, life course, biological/psychological, feminist, critical, etc) and summarize its core concepts. Make sure to then explain/demonstrate how Christie’s arguments are consistent or inconsistent with this theory.

II. In *The New Jim Crow*, Michelle Alexander discusses how a new racial caste system has emerged and displaced an older system of racial segregation. Identify and explain the features of this new racial caste system and explicate its functions for crime and punishment. What is the significance of the New Jim Crow on racialized people in the criminal justice system? Provide an example from the text.

Again, review one criminological theory (e.g., classical school, strain/anomie, control/disorganization, learning/culture, life course, biological/psychological, feminist, critical, etc) that is different from the one you discussed in question 1, and summarize its core concepts. Make sure to then explain/demonstrate how Alexander’s arguments are consistent or inconsistent with this theory.