Option One: City “A” plans to demolish a large public housing complex on the Eastside and relocate residents across the entire city. City “A” has consulted the City of Chicago, which had engaged in a similar effort to redistribute public housing residents throughout the community. Chicago informed the Mayor of City “A” that their relocation projected resulted in an increase in violent crime, gang activity, and drug related offenses.

City “A” is now holding a public meeting to discuss the theoretical causes and correlates of crime in the context of the current project. Select a social process (e.g., differential association, neutralization), social ecology (e.g., social disorganization), or cultural theory (e.g., culture conflict) that best explains the impact of relocation on crime.

Present, in your own words, the causal arguments of the theory you selected. Where appropriate, include in your discussion the theory’s assumptions and hypotheses.

Option Two: Assuming, for the sake of this question, that labeling theory is correct about the relationship between being labeled a criminal and the probability of continuing to engage in criminal behavior.

1) Devise a social policy, based on labeling theory, to reduce crime. Be specific as possible. Be sure to explain how the policy initiative that you are proposing is informed by the labeling perspective.

2) Explain, in some detail, how the social policy you presented in part 1 can be successfully implemented. Be as explicit as possible.

3) How would a deterrence (rational choice) theorist react to your policy initiative? Briefly explain.