

Joseph Banks Secondary College

Year 11 General Psychology

Task 10 Weighting: 8%

Time allowance: 30 minutes

28 marks

In 1968, protests the Vietnam war took place in Chicago, USA. These protests were later described as a 'police riot' as the police became brutal with protesters as they tried to discourage future protests. Many policemen believed that the protesters were anti-American, long-haired, drug-taking hippies who do not contribute to society and were causing chaos on their streets. During the riot, police wearing gas masks began to remove their name tags and beat the 8,000-10,000 people with nightsticks, smashing people through plate-glass windows, and firing tear-gas canisters. As a result of this experience, many protesters felt fear and anger towards the police, believing all police officers were cruel and calling any police officer a 'pig' whenever they saw one.

Discuss the response of police and protesters and how these prejudices can be reduced.

In your answer you should include:

- Define discrimination and give an example from the scenario (2 marks)
- Compare stereotyping and prejudice (2 marks)
- Apply your understanding of social psychology to explain one way in which the presence of others can impact behaviour (6 marks)
- Explain **two** underlying factor of each social influence that increase the likelihood of that behavior (4 marks)
- Use the tri-component model to outline the protesters attitude towards police (3 marks)
- Explain **two** ways that could decrease the prejudice between policemen and protesters in the future (4 marks)
- Outline and apply relevant psychological evidence (4 marks)
- Quality of response (3 marks)







