***Outline the Deviation from Social Norms definition of abnormality (6 marks)***

Written rules/form laws that govern behaviour.

***Un-jumble the answer above in order to write a ‘perfect’ description of the DSN definition of abnormality.***

For example, joining the back of a cue and not pushing to the front, not standing to close to people.

For example, not riding a bike at night with no lights on/

For example, someone suffering from schizophrenia could be labelled as ‘abnormal’ according to the deviation from social norms definition as much of the behaviour that they display breaks social norms, for example, talking to individuals (that other individuals cannot see) is an example of breaking an implicit social norm, using nonsense words would be another example of an implicit social norm being broken.

This definition therefore suggests that abnormality can be seen as someone who breaks social norms (implicit and/or explicit) i.e. the rules of society.

Norms are commonly expected standards of behaving in a society according to the majority.

There are two types of social norms – implicit and explicit

Implicit norms can be defined as

Whether implicit or explicit, social norms allow for the regulation of normal social behaviour. All societies have standards, or norms, for appropriate behaviours and beliefs (expectations about how people should behave and what they should think).

Explicit norms can be defined as

Unwritten (but generally accepted) rules in society