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# Question 16. Part A.

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Sample 1 Question 16(a)

a. Aboriginal people are over represented in the Criminal Justice system for many reasons. The Macro influence can include family history, the recidivism of young Aboriginal people as they see that the family is in the system then they believe that that is right. Other minor influence may include poor mental health, lack of employment, the Indigenous are discriminate on employment therefore may lead to petty crime, just to survive. Racist views may also be a factor in the overrepresentation of Aboriginal people as it may influence their actions, violence could also be a result of racist views are shared uncontrollably. Their. Being influenced or seen at a young age that it is 'okay' to be in the criminal justice system, the ~~idea that the young see~~ the young Aboriginal may want to be incarcerated as it is better than being in a broken home. The over representation of Aboriginal people is decreasing but there is still a need for more dramatic policies and influence to help stop Aboriginal going into a Criminal Justice System, may include, prevention campaigns or release campaigns to prevent recidivism. Aboriginal people are overrepresented, but it is decreasing with education and awareness.