



GCE A LEVEL – NEW

A200U10-1



SOCIOLOGY – A level component 1
Socialisation and Culture

THURSDAY, 8 JUNE 2017 – AFTERNOON

2 hours 30 minutes

ADDITIONAL MATERIALS

A WJEC pink 16-page answer booklet.

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

Answer Section A.

Answer **one** question from Section B and **one** question from Section C.

Use black ink or black ball-point pen.

Write your answers in the separate answer booklet provided.

INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES

Section A carries 20 marks.

Section B carries 50 marks.

Section C carries 50 marks.

The total mark available is 120.

The number of marks is given in brackets at the end of each question or part-question.

You are advised to divide your time accordingly.

Answer Section A, **one** option from Section B and **one** option from Section C.

Section A

Compulsory question

Read the item and answer the following questions.

All societies have their own culture and subcultures which are characterised by particular norms and values. Agents of primary socialisation and secondary socialisation are crucial in passing on these norms and values. The process of socialisation continues throughout life and helps us to learn adult roles and expected ways of behaving.

1. (a) With reference to the item and sociological knowledge, explain the meaning of the term primary socialisation. [5]
- (b) Using the item and sociological knowledge, explain how people learn adult roles. [15]

Section B

*Choose **one** from the following options.*

Option 1 Families and Households

Compulsory question

2. (a) Explain the increase in cohabitation in the contemporary UK. [15]

Either,

- (b) Evaluate the view that relationships in families are equal. [35]

Or,

- (c) Evaluate the view that families are bad for individuals. [35]

Option 2 Youth Cultures

Compulsory question

3. (a) Explain the relationship between social class and membership of youth cultures. [15]

Either,

- (b) Evaluate the view that spectacular youth subcultures are no longer a feature of contemporary UK life. [35]

Or,

- (c) Evaluate the view that youth subcultures are often linked to masculinity. [35]

Section C

Choose **one** from the following options.

Option 1 Education**Compulsory question**

4. (a) Using sociological evidence and examples, explain the influence of the hidden curriculum on experiences of education. [15]

Either,

- (b) Evaluate the view that differences in attainment in education are caused by factors outside school. [35]

Or,

- (c) Assess sociological explanations of the differences in educational outcomes between males and females. [35]

Option 2 Media**Compulsory question**

5. (a) Using sociological evidence and examples, explain one theory of media effects. [15]

Either,

- (b) Evaluate the view that the media present stereotypical ideas about some social groups. [35]

Or,

- (c) Assess sociological explanations of the ownership and control of the media. [35]

Option 3 Religion**Compulsory question**

6. (a) Using sociological evidence and examples, explain how religion can be a force for change. [15]

Either,

- (b) Evaluate the view that there has been a decline in religiosity in the contemporary UK. [35]

Or,

- (c) Assess functionalist explanations of the role that religion plays in society. [35]

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