



GCE A LEVEL – NEW

A200U30-1



SOCIOLOGY – A level component 3
Power and Stratification

TUESDAY, 20 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.

Use black ink or black ball-point pen.

Write your answers in the separate answer booklet provided.

INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES

Section A carries 60 marks.

Section B carries 60 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, and **one** option from Section B.*

Section A

Compulsory question

1. (a) Identify evidence of gender inequalities in two areas of social life in the contemporary UK. Illustrate your answer with reference to supporting evidence for each area identified. [20]

Either,

- (b) Evaluate the contribution of Marxist explanations to an understanding of social inequalities. [40]

Or,

- (c) Discuss sociological explanations of the relationship between ethnicity and social inequalities. [40]

Section B

*Answer **one** of the following options.*

Option 1 Crime and Deviance

Compulsory question

2. (a) Explain why some sociologists argue that the media amplifies deviance. [20]

Either,

- (b) Evaluate the contribution of feminist explanations to an understanding of crime and deviance. [40]

Or,

- (c) Assess the view that official crime statistics do not reflect the extent of white-collar and corporate crime. [40]

Option 2 Health and Disability

Compulsory question

3. (a) Explain why some sociologists argue that people with impairments are disabled by society. [20]

Either,

- (b) Evaluate the contribution of functionalist explanations to an understanding of health and illness. [40]

Or,

- (c) Assess the view that social class is the main cause of inequalities in morbidity and mortality. [40]

Option 3 Power and Politics**Compulsory question**

4. (a) Explain why some sociologists argue that the electorate has become disillusioned with party politics. [20]

Either,

- (b) Evaluate sociological explanations of the growth of new social movements. [40]

Or,

- (c) Assess the view that political power is widely distributed in the contemporary UK. [40]

Option 4 World Sociology**Compulsory question**

5. (a) Explain why some sociologists argue that foreign aid does not reduce poverty in developing countries. [20]

Either,

- (b) Evaluate the contribution of dependency theory to an understanding of development. [40]

Or,

- (c) Assess the view that globalisation has made a major impact in the contemporary world. [40]

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