

AS SOCIOLOGY

Paper 2 Research Methods and Topics in Sociology

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Morning

Time allowed: 1 hour 30 minutes

Materials

For this paper you must have:

- an AQA 12-page answer book.

Instructions

- Use black ink or black ball-point pen.
- Write the information required on the front of your answer book. The **Paper Reference** is 7191/2R.
- Answer **all** questions in **Section A** and **all** questions from **one** topic in **Section B**.
- Do all rough work in your answer book. Cross through any work you do not want to be marked.

Information

- The marks for questions are shown in brackets.
- The maximum mark for this paper is 60.
- Questions carrying 10 marks or more should be answered in continuous prose. In these questions you will be marked on your ability to:
 - use good English
 - organise information clearly
 - use specialist vocabulary where appropriate.

Section A**Research Methods**

Answer **all** questions in this section.

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Outline **two** advantages of using overt participant observation in sociological research.

[4 marks]

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Evaluate the importance of ethical issues in the choice of methods for sociological research.

[16 marks]

Section B

Choose **one** topic from this section and answer **all** the questions on that topic.

Topic B1 Culture and Identity

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Define the term 'labelling'.

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Using **one** example, briefly explain how an individual's social class may impact on their leisure choices.

[2 marks]

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Outline **three** ways in which global culture may influence an individual's sense of identity.

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Outline and explain **two** ways in which agencies of socialisation may shape attitudes to sexual identities.

[10 marks]

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Read **Item A** below and answer the question that follows.

Item A

Biology clearly influences the way that society divides people of all ages. Different age groups also experience many aspects of life in different ways, such as work, leisure and personal relationships.

However, some sociologists argue that other factors, such as gender and ethnicity, are more important in shaping our identity.

Applying material from **Item A** and your knowledge, evaluate sociological explanations of the ways in which age may shape social identity.

[20 marks]

Turn over for the next topic

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Topic B2 Families and Households

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 Define the term 'net migration'. [2 marks]

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 Using **one** example, briefly explain how family life may be negative for women. [2 marks]

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 Outline **three** reasons for the increase in one person households. [6 marks]

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 Outline and explain **two** ways in which changes in families and households have affected the experience of childhood. [10 marks]

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 Read **Item B** below and answer the question that follows.

Item B

In recent years the UK has moved to a more diverse pattern of family arrangements. Some sociologists would suggest that the changes in household structures and relationships show that the traditional family has declined. For example, postmodernists would argue that there is now more individual choice about relationships.

However, other sociologists argue that these changes have been exaggerated.

Applying material from **Item B** and your knowledge, evaluate the view that the growth of diversity has led to a decline in the importance of the traditional nuclear family unit. [20 marks]

Topic B3 Health

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Define the term 'mortality rate'.

[2 marks]**1 4**Using **one** example, briefly explain why there may be a decline in respect for medicine.**[2 marks]****1 5**Outline **three** reasons for gender differences in patterns of mental illness.**[6 marks]****1 6**Outline and explain **two** ways in which material factors may affect class differences in access to health care.**[10 marks]****1 7**Read **Item C** below and answer the question that follows.**Item C**

Research has shown that there are important differences in health chances based on ethnicity. This may be due to a range of factors which include material and cultural differences as well as racism and discrimination.

However, some sociologists argue that factors such as class, gender and age are also important in shaping health chances. There are significant differences in health chances within a range of minority ethnic groups.

Applying material from **Item C** and your knowledge, evaluate sociological explanations for ethnic differences in health chances.

[20 marks]**Turn over for the next topic****Turn over ►**

Topic B4 Work, Poverty and Welfare

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Define the term 'social exclusion'.

[2 marks]

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Using **one** example, briefly explain why households with children may be more at risk from poverty than other households.**[2 marks]**

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Outline **three** ways in which government policies may reduce the gap between rich and poor in the UK today.**[6 marks]**

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Outline and explain **two** ways in which technological change can affect job satisfaction.**[10 marks]**

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Read **Item D** below and answer the question that follows.**Item D**

Marxist sociologists argue that poverty is related to the way capitalist societies are organised. The distribution of resources in society is determined by the class structure.

However, the New Right believe poverty is related to individual choices and cultural attitudes. Others may point out that gender, ethnicity and age are also significant factors in causing poverty.

Applying material from **Item D** and your knowledge, evaluate the view that poverty and inequality are caused by the class structure of society.

[20 marks]**END OF QUESTIONS**

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