
GCSE SOCIOLOGY 8192/1

Paper 1 The Sociology of Families and Education

Mark scheme

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Level of response marking instructions

Level of response mark schemes are broken down into levels, each of which has a descriptor. The descriptor for the level shows the average performance for the level. There are marks in each level.

Before you apply the mark scheme to a student's answer read through the answer and annotate it (as instructed) to show the qualities that are being looked for. You can then apply the mark scheme.

When a student responds with more responses than are required by the question you should mark all responses and then credit only the response that is worthy of the highest credit. For example, when students are asked to identify and explain **one** example but provide more, all should be marked but only the best example credited.

Step 1 Determine a level

Start at the lowest level of the mark scheme and use it as a ladder to see whether the answer meets the descriptor for that level. The descriptor for the level indicates the different qualities that might be seen in the student's answer for that level. If it meets the lowest level then go to the next one and decide if it meets this level, and so on, until you have a match between the level descriptor and the answer. With practice and familiarity you will find that for better answers you will be able to quickly skip through the lower levels of the mark scheme.

When assigning a level you should look at the overall quality of the answer and not look to pick holes in small and specific parts of the answer where the student has not performed quite as well as the rest. If the answer covers different aspects of different levels of the mark scheme you should use a best fit approach for defining the level and then use the variability of the response to help decide the mark within the level, ie if the response is predominantly level 3 with a small amount of level 4 material it would be placed in level 3 but be awarded a mark near the top of the level because of the level 4 content.

Step 2 Determine a mark

Once you have assigned a level you need to decide on the mark. The descriptors on how to allocate marks can help with this. The exemplar materials used during standardisation will help. There will be an answer in the standardising materials which will correspond with each level of the mark scheme. This answer will have been awarded a mark by the Lead Examiner. You can compare the student's answer with the example to determine if it is the same standard, better or worse than the example. You can then use this to allocate a mark for the answer based on the Lead Examiner's mark on the example.

You may well need to read back through the answer as you apply the mark scheme to clarify points and assure yourself that the level and the mark are appropriate.

Indicative content in the mark scheme is provided as a guide for examiners. It is not intended to be exhaustive and you must credit other valid points. Students do not have to cover all of the points mentioned in the Indicative content to reach the highest level of the mark scheme. Examples of additional relevant responses will be discussed at standardisation, if you have any doubts you should contact your team leader for clarification.

An answer which contains nothing of relevance to the question must be awarded no marks.

Examiners are required to assign each of the candidates' responses to the most appropriate level according to its overall quality, and then allocate a single mark within the level. When deciding upon a mark in a level, examiners should bear in mind the relative weightings of the assessment objectives (see page 4) and be careful not to over/under credit a particular skill. This will be exemplified and reinforced as part of examiner training.

Assessment Objectives

A01	Demonstrate knowledge and understanding of sociological theories, concepts, evidence and methods.
A02	Apply knowledge and understanding of sociological theories, concepts, evidence and methods.
A03	Analyse and evaluate sociological theories, concepts, evidence and methods in order to construct arguments, make judgements and draw conclusions.

Section A: Families

Qu	Marking guidance	Total marks
01	What term is commonly used by sociologists to describe a family in which a man holds power and authority?	1
	AO1 = 1 mark C (Patriarchal family)	

Qu	Marking guidance	Total marks
02	What term is commonly used by sociologists to describe information that is presented in numerical form?	1
	AO1 = 1 mark D (Quantitative data)	

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05	From Item A , examine one strength of the data.	2
	AO3 = 2 marks 1 mark for providing evidence of an analysis of the item (by indicating a possible strength) demonstrating a line of argument relating either to methods or findings. (AO3) Plus 1 mark for providing evidence of evaluation (making a judgement/reaching a conclusion) by indicating a reason why this element represents a possible strength. (AO3) Indicative content AO3 • Provides official marriage statistics by gender and changes in different years, so the data can be used to suggest trends over time. • Quantitative data that has been collected on a large scale to allow generalisations to be made. • Official statistics on first marriages are subject to government guidelines and standards, so are therefore more likely to be high in validity. • Provides a readily available (frequently online) source of data for sociologists, on which they can base their own research. • The secondary data can be used to qualify media coverage of marriage. • Official statistics are considered a trustworthy source and are likely to be reliable	

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	AO1 = 4 marks AO2 = 4 marks AO3 = 4 marks			
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	4	10–12		Detailed knowledge and understanding of relevant theories, concepts, evidence and methods presented in a well-developed answer. A wide range of specialist terms used with precision. (AO1)
				Sustained application of relevant theories, concepts, evidence and methods to the issues raised by the question. Few if any inaccuracies or omissions. (AO2)
				Developed critical analysis and evaluation of relevant theories, concepts, evidence and methods. Well-constructed arguments with supported judgements and evidence based conclusions. (AO3)
	3	7–9		Good evidence of relevant knowledge and understanding of theories, concepts, evidence and methods but elements lacking detail and development. A good range of specialist terms used appropriately. (AO1)
				Good application of relevant theories, concepts, evidence and methods to the issues raised by the question. Some inaccuracies or omissions. (AO2)
		Good evidence of analysis and evaluation of the relevant theories, concepts, evidence and methods. A logical argument, but judgements and conclusions may be indistinct and/or lacking in appropriate development. (AO3)		
2	4–6	Limited evidence of relevant knowledge and understanding of theories, concepts, evidence and methods. A limited range of specialist terms used appropriately. (AO1)		
		Limited application of relevant theories, concepts, evidence and methods to the issues raised by the question. Significant inaccuracies or omissions. (AO2)		
		Limited attempt at analysis and evaluation of the relevant theories, concepts, evidence and methods but lacking in appropriate development. There may be inconsistencies in the argument made and reasoning may be inaccurate leading to false or contradictory judgements and conclusions. (AO3)		

1	1–3	Fragments of basic knowledge and understanding of theories, concepts, evidence and methods relevant to the topic. Specialist terms generally used inappropriately if at all. (AO1) Little or no application of relevant theories, concepts, evidence and methods to the issues raised by the question. (AO2) Little or no analysis of the relevant theories, concepts, evidence and methods, assertion rather than evaluation, poorly constructed argument with little or no evidence of substantiated judgements and only cursory conclusions. (AO3)
0	0	Nothing worthy of credit.

Examiners are reminded that AO1, AO2 and AO3 are regarded as interdependent. When deciding on a mark all should be considered together using the best fit approach. For example, a level 3 mark could be awarded for level 3 evidence across each objective, or a mixture of 4, 3 and 2 evidence across different objectives.

Indicative content AO1

- The work of the Rapoports on family diversity.
- How family forms differ in Britain and within the global context.
- Changing family structures – patterns and trends based on official statistics.
- Functionalism.
- Feminism.
- Cultural and ethnic differences.
- Changing social attitudes.
- Media portrayal and the cereal packet family.

Indicative content AO2

- The range of family forms that now exist in Britain – lone parent, reconstituted, extended, nuclear, same-sex, beanpole families.
- Comparisons with alternative cultures and societies, eg communes (kibbutz), and the percentage of nuclear families in other nations in contrast to Britain.
- Statistical differences between the percentage of each family form, and over time, eg in 2019, the Office for National Statistics estimated that there were approximately 2.9 million lone-parent families in Britain; 8% of families in England were reconstituted families in 2013.
- Functionalist perspective – stating that the nuclear family is the norm, eg in 2019, according to the Office for National Statistics, there were 12.8 million married or civil partnership couple with children families, making it the most common type of family, therefore showing its enduring popularity.
- Feminist perspective – possible reference made to Oakley and the myth of the rise in symmetrical families.
- The amount of family diversity evident in today's society based on different ethnic groups, eg the relatively high percentage of extended families found within the British Asian community.

• The increasing family diversity due to changes in social attitudes to divorce and legal changes linked to same-sex marriages and same-sex families. • The conventional family form, the nuclear family, as outlined by Oakley, being shown as the norm throughout the advertising industry, creating a stereotypical image of the family. Indicative content AO3 • Analysis and evaluation of the work of the Rapoport, eg the extent to which there is family diversity in modern Britain. • Analysis and evaluation of the cross-cultural comparisons, eg other societies and their range of family forms. • Analysis and evaluation of quantitative data and official statistics on the amount of each family form in Britain recently, in comparison with past figures, eg the small minority of same-sex families in Britain; the decline in reconstituted families; the existence of beanpole families in Britain. • Analysis and evaluation of the functionalist perspective and the continued existence of the nuclear family. • Analysis and evaluation of the feminist perspective, eg the extent to which the symmetrical family exists in modern Britain. • Analysis and evaluation of cultural and ethnic differences relating to family forms in Britain. • Analysis and evaluation of the changing social attitudes as a significant factor. • Analysis and evaluation of the image of families shown in the media, eg the extent to which a variety of family forms are now portrayed in the media and advertising industry. • Evidence-based judgements and conclusions relating to the issue of extent (how far do sociologists agree), eg in the judgement of the student how far does the evidence support the premise that a range of family forms exist in Britain today. The list of indicative content is not intended to be exhaustive and any other relevant points should be credited. It is not necessary for a student to cover all of the above in order to attain full marks provided they have made a well-supported argument.	
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Indicative content AO1

- Functionalism.
- New Right.
- Feminism.
- Marxism.
- Alternative family forms.
- Other agencies of socialisation are more significant, eg media.

Indicative content AO2

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- The amount of family diversity evident in today's society – reference may be made to the views of the Rapoport, who suggest that alternative family forms exist that are just as functional and effective in performing essential functions for society.

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Section B: Education

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	AO1 = 1 mark C (Self-fulfilling prophecy)	

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Indicative content AO1

- Functionalism – Durkheim, Parsons.
- Other functionalist perspectives, such as those of Davis and Moore.
- Feminism.
- Marxism.
- Hidden curriculum.
- Alternative agencies.
- De-schooling and the ideas of Ivan Illich and Freire.

Indicative content AO2

- Functionalist perspective of Durkheim (and later Parsons), eg the secondary socialisation of children into the norms and values of society.
- Alternative functions of the education system, eg Davis and Moore and the role allocation function of schools – the sifting and sorting of students by ability.
- Feminist perspectives – how the education system perpetuates patriarchy, in ways such as in the school hierarchy, gender stereotyping in schools, etc.
- Marxist perspective, eg the work of Bowles and Gintis and the correspondence principle.
- Hidden curriculum – through interactions between students and teachers within the school.
- The significance of primary socialisation and importance of other agencies/agents of socialisation, eg the family, media.
- De-schooling – provision of alternatives to formal school institutions, with a more informal way of learning for children.

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Indicative content AO1

- Labelling theory, as outlined by Howard Becker.
- Teacher/pupil interactions.
- Other interactionist approaches.
- Internal differences between schools (resources, class sizes, teacher turnover, etc.)
- External factors.
- Feminism.
- Marxism.
- Relevant quantitative data on differences in student performance.
- Other relevant research on pupil subcultures.

Indicative content AO2

- Teachers' labels may lead to a self-fulfilling prophecy through which the students' educational performance is affected. Teachers inevitably make judgements about and classify students. These judgements may affect a child's chances of educational achievement. Becker suggested that, from his research, the middle-class pupils were more likely to be seen as 'ideal students'.
- Some teachers may have stereotyped views and expectations of students, which may be influenced by the child's ethnic origin or gender, for example, some teachers may have higher expectations of British Indian female pupils as they are considered to be capable and hardworking.
- Interactionist perspective – internal organisational factors, such as setting and streaming, may significantly impact student performance. Reference could be made to the work of Ball, Hargreaves and Lacey, amongst others, who have studied these aspects within a school.

• The ethos and effectiveness of a school. Reference may be made to Michael Rutter's study, which found that the organisation of a school had an impact on students' educational performance. • The possible impact that recent educational reforms have had on educational performance; parental attitudes and support as alternative external factors. • Feminist perspective – schools are patriarchal, eg they limit the aspirations and future career choices of female students. Reference could be made to the work of Francis on classroom interactions between boys, girls and their teachers. • Marxist perspective – reference could be made to how social class background may affect educational performance, with reference being made to the effects of material deprivation, and the lack of resources that children may have to achieve their full potential. • School league tables statistical data suggest that educational performance tends to be higher for those students who attended a private school rather than a state comprehensive. • The development of counter school subcultures, as studied by Paul Willis, and pro-school subcultures' effects on student educational performance. Indicative content AO3 • Analysis and evaluation of labelling theory, eg the extent to which pupils are labelled by teachers may affect their educational performance. • Analysis and evaluation of teacher/pupil interactions, eg the extent to which classroom interactions affect student performance. • Analysis and evaluation of the interactionist perspective, eg the extent to which processes within schools, such as setting and streaming policies, affect student performance. • Analysis and evaluation of the impact of internal factors, eg to what extent does the way a school is run and organised affect educational performance. • Analysis and evaluation of the extent to which external factors, eg the type of school attended and educational reforms have an effect on educational performance. • Analysis and evaluation of the feminist perspective, eg to what extent do classroom interactions advantage or disadvantage girls in comparison to boys. • Analysis and evaluation of the Marxist perspective, eg to what extent is social class background the primary determinant of educational performance. • Analysis and evaluation of relevant sociological research and statistical data showing differences in educational performance. • Analysis and evaluation of counter school subcultures as studied by Willis and the degree to which these counter school subcultures affect educational performance. • Evidence-based judgements and conclusions relating to the issue of extent (how far do sociologists agree), eg in the judgement of the student how far does the evidence support the premise that the type of school that a pupil attends has a significant effect on their educational performance. The list of indicative content is not intended to be exhaustive and any other relevant points should be credited. It is not necessary for a student to cover all of the above in order to attain full marks provided they have made a well-supported argument.

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