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TUESDAY, 20 MAY 2025 – AFTERNOON

SOCIOLOGY – Component 2

Understanding Social Structures

1 hour 45 minutes

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Question	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded
1.	4	
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INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

Use black ink or black ball-point pen. Do not use gel pen or correction fluid.

Write your name, centre number and candidate number in the spaces at the top of this page.

Answer **all** questions.

Write your answers in the spaces provided in this booklet. If you run out of space, use the additional page(s) at the back of the booklet, taking care to number the question(s) correctly.

INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES

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

Credit will be given for the use of sociological concepts, theories and evidence.



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Answer **all** questions.

1. Use the words in the box below to fill in the spaces in the statements that follow.

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prejudice	discrimination	Becker

- (a) A term which describes when a person or group is treated differently because of their personal characteristics. [1]

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- (b) A term to describe when people make judgements about others, often based on gender, ethnicity, age or other characteristics. [1]

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- (c) A term which describes how men's roles have changed, making them uncertain of their role in society. [1]

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- (d) A Feminist sociologist who wrote about the way females conform in society. [1]

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2. Study the information below and answer the questions that follow.

Teenagers aged 12–15 in the UK were asked to name the ways they found out about the news between the years 2018 and 2023. The table below shows the most popular, including the most-read newspaper, *The Sun*. The final column shows which one they named as their most important source of news.

Adapted from: Ofcom – News Consumption in the UK, 2023.

Most popular news sources among young people aged 12–15, 2018–2023

News source	Percentage (%) of 12–15 year olds who named a news source as a way they found out about the news						Percentage (%) who viewed it as the most important source of news
	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	
BBC Online	55	53	51	46	39	39	17
TikTok	No figures collected	No figures collected	11	22	28	28	10
YouTube	27	30	30	33	28	25	5
BBC One/Two	45	40	41	35	24	21	7
ITV	30	29	28	24	25	21	6
Facebook	34	32	29	27	22	18	3
<i>The Sun</i>	6	6	5	5	5	6	1

(a) Identify the most popular news source in 2023.

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(b) Identify the news source that declined the most in popularity between 2018 and 2023.

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- (c) Describe **two** patterns or trends shown in the table, supporting your answer with reference to the statistics in the table.

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3. (a) Define what is meant by relative poverty.

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(b) Explain, with examples, how poverty may cause individuals to experience social exclusion.

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- In your answer you are advised to discuss at least **two** sociological views of poverty in the UK to support your discussion.





Gender roles are an important part of socialisation. Children learn these in the family, at school and through the media. The media often feature stereotypes of gender roles, which may be harmful. Gender roles have changed a great deal, but Feminists would say that there is still gender inequality.

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(c) Explain **one** stereotype that may affect males.

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5. Study the item below and answer the questions that follow.

The British Social Attitudes Survey in 2023 found that 46% of people in the UK saw themselves as working class and 29% as middle class. These were both higher than in 1983 when this survey began. The 2023 survey also found that just over 20% of people did not feel they belonged to any social class, compared to over 40% in 1983.

Adapted from: *Daily Mail Online*, 2023.

- (a) Describe, using examples, **two** different social classes.

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(b) Describe **two** ways private schools give advantages to children who attend them. [4]

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6. (a) Explain what is meant by the term sanctions.

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(b) Outline what is meant by white collar crime.

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- In your answer you are advised to refer to different sociological views to support your discussion.



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7. A sociologist wants to investigate whether labelling of students happens in schools. They have been asked to carry out a sociological investigation.

(a) Identify a suitable quantitative research method that could be used. [1]

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(b) Explain **one** reason why the sociologist would carry out a pilot study before starting the research. [2]

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(c) Explain **one** practical issue with this research. [2]

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