



GCE A LEVEL

A200U30-1



TUESDAY, 11 JUNE 2024 – AFTERNOON

SOCIOLOGY – A level component 3

Power and Stratification

2 hours 30 minutes

ADDITIONAL MATERIALS

A WJEC pink 16-page answer booklet.

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

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

Answer Section A.

Answer **one** option from Section B.

Write your answers in the separate answer booklet provided, following the instructions on the front of the answer booklet.

Use both sides of the paper. Write only within the white areas of the booklet.

Write the question number in the two boxes in the left-hand margin at the start of each answer,

for example

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Leave at least two line spaces between each answer.

INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES

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

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| 1 | 1 |
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- There are age inequalities in contemporary UK society. Use sociological evidence from two areas of social life to support this. [20]

Either,

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| 1 | 2 |
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- Evaluate functionalist explanations of social inequalities in the contemporary UK. [40]

Or,

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| 1 | 3 |
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- Discuss the view that social class is the major determinant of social inequalities in the contemporary UK. [40]

Section B

Answer **one** of the following options.

Option 1 Crime and Deviance

Compulsory question

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| 2 | 1 |
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- Explain, using sociological evidence, why some sociologists suggest that official statistics do not provide an accurate picture of crime in the contemporary UK. [20]

Either,

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| 2 | 2 |
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- Evaluate interactionist explanations of crime and deviance. [40]

Or,

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| 2 | 3 |
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- Discuss the view that realists offer practical solutions to crime and deviance. [40]

Option 2 Health and Disability

Compulsory question

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| 3 | 1 |
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- Explain, using sociological evidence, why some sociologists suggest that health can be defined as the absence of disease. [20]

Either,

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| 3 | 2 |
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- Evaluate cultural explanations of health inequalities. [40]

Or,

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| 3 | 3 |
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- Discuss functionalist theories of the role of the medical professions in the contemporary UK. [40]

Option 3 Power and Politics

Compulsory question

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| 4 | 1 |
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- Explain, using sociological evidence, why some sociologists suggest that young people are switching their allegiance away from the major parties. [20]

Either,

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| 4 | 2 |
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- Evaluate sociological theories of power. [40]

Or,

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| 4 | 3 |
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- Discuss the view that power in the contemporary UK is patriarchal. [40]

Option 4 World Sociology

Compulsory question

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| 5 | 1 |
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- Explain, using sociological evidence, why some sociologists suggest urbanisation is linked to poverty in less economically developed countries (LEDs). [20]

Either,

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| 5 | 2 |
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- Evaluate world systems theory as an explanation of development. [40]

Or,

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| 5 | 3 |
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- Discuss the view that women are treated less favourably than men in less economically developed countries (LEDs). [40]

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