



GCE AS

B200U10-1



TUESDAY, 14 MAY 2024 – MORNING

SOCIOLOGY – AS component 1
Socialisation and Culture

2 hours 30 minutes

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ADDITIONAL MATERIALS

A WJEC pink 16-page answer booklet.

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

Use black ink or black ball-point pen.

Answer Section A.

Answer **one** option from Section B and **one** option from Section C.

Write your answers in the separate answer booklet provided.

INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES

The total number of marks 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.

SECTION A**Compulsory question**

1. Read the item below and answer the following questions.

Functionalists believe society is based on shared **values**. They argue shared values can be passed from one generation to the next by a process of socialisation. Values set a standard for society and are often linked to norms. For example, good manners such as saying please and thank you are linked to respect for others. Values are influenced by social class, ethnicity and gender.

- (a) With reference to the item and sociological knowledge, explain the meaning of the term **values**. [5]
- (b) Using the item and sociological knowledge, explain how any **two** agents of socialisation transmit **values**. [10]

SECTION B

Choose **one** of the following options.

Option 1 Families and Households

Compulsory question

2. (a) (i) Describe what is meant by the term family diversity. [10]

- (ii) According to ONS data (2023), the percentage of women not having children by the age of 30 has increased from 18 percent in 1971 to 50 percent in 2022.

Explain **two** sociological reasons why women may choose to delay having children. [15]

Either,

- (b) Evaluate the view that men are playing a more equal role in families and households in the contemporary UK. [25]

Or,

- (c) Discuss the view that the nuclear family is functional for society in the contemporary UK. [25]

Option 2 Youth Culture

Compulsory question

3. (a) (i) Describe what is meant by anti-school subcultures. [10]

- (ii) The Centre for Contemporary Cultural Studies (CCCS) argued that youth subcultures were linked to the development of capitalism and to social class.

Explain **two** sociological reasons for links between social class and youth subcultures. [15]

Either,

- (b) Evaluate postmodern explanations of youth subcultures. [25]

Or,

- (c) Discuss sociological reasons for the development of youth subcultures. [25]

SECTION C

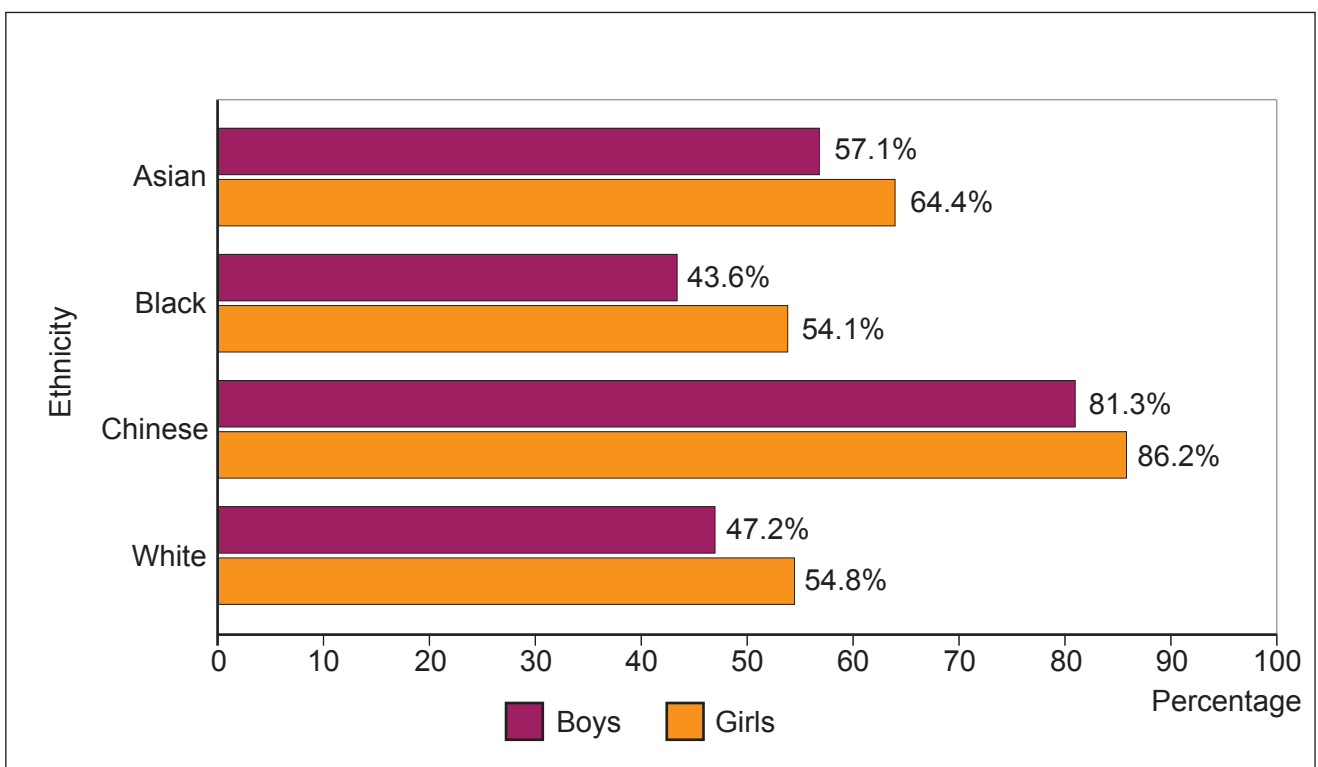
Choose **one** of the following options.

Option 1 Education

Compulsory question

4. (a) Study the following item and answer all of the questions.

Percentage of pupils attaining a grade 5 or above in English and Maths GCSE by ethnicity and gender



Source adapted from: GOV UK: Key stage 4 performance: academic year 2020/2021

- (i) Summarise the item showing the percentage of pupils attaining a grade 5 or above in English and Maths GCSE by ethnicity and gender in 2020/2021. [10]
- (ii) Explain **two** sociological reasons for differences in attainment between different ethnic groups in the contemporary UK. [10]

Either,

- (b) (i) Using sociological evidence and examples, explain the meaning of the term marketisation. [10]
- (ii) Evaluate the view that the education system is meritocratic. [25]

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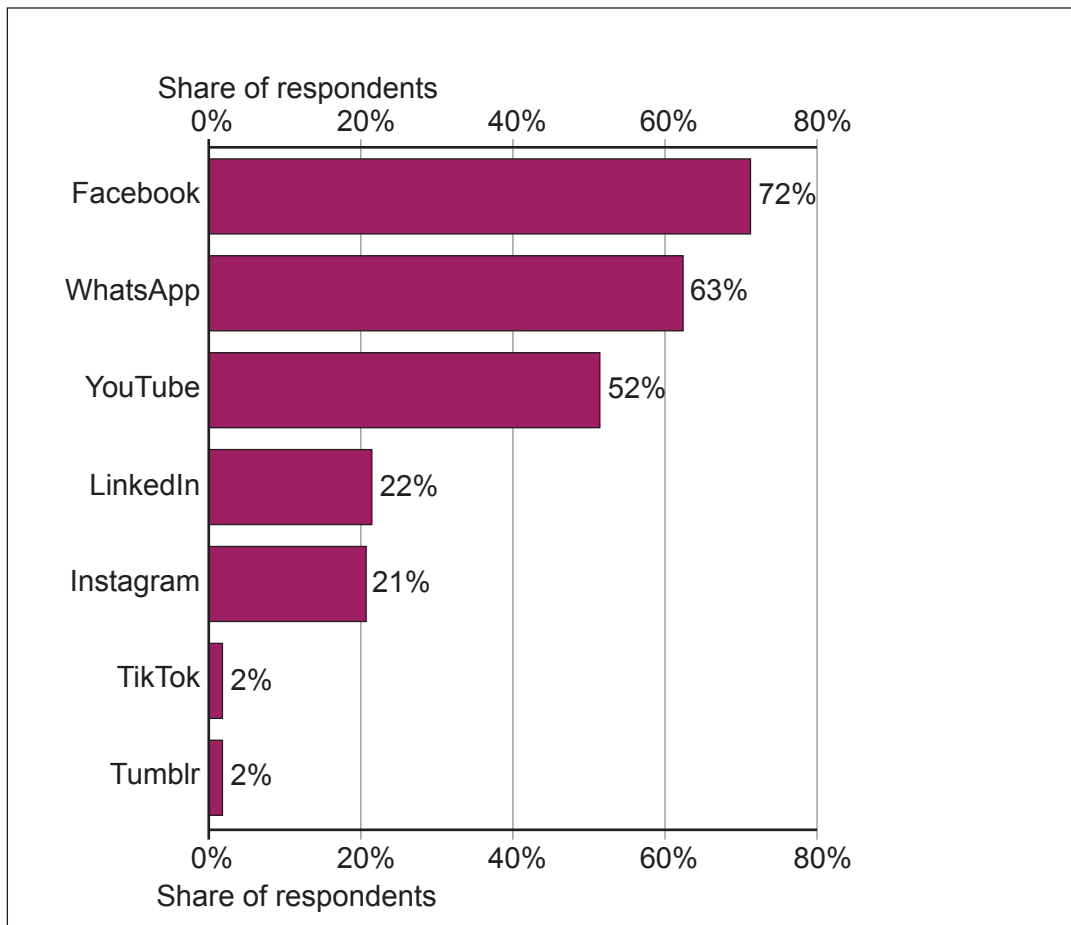
- (c) (i) Using sociological evidence and examples, explain the meaning of the term equal opportunities in education. [10]
- (ii) Discuss the view that material factors affect educational attainment. [25]

Option 2 Media

Compulsory question

5. (a) Study the following item and answer all of the questions.

Social media usage in the UK of those aged 56 and older, 2020



Source adapted from: <https://www.statista.com/statistics/1059480/social-media-usage-uk-age-56-over/>

- (i) Summarise the item showing the social media usage in the UK of those aged 56 and older. [10]
- (ii) Explain **two** sociological reasons for differences in social media use according to age. [10]

Either,

- (b) (i) Using sociological evidence and examples, explain the meaning of the term social media. [10]
- (ii) Evaluate sociological models of media effects on audiences. [25]

Or,

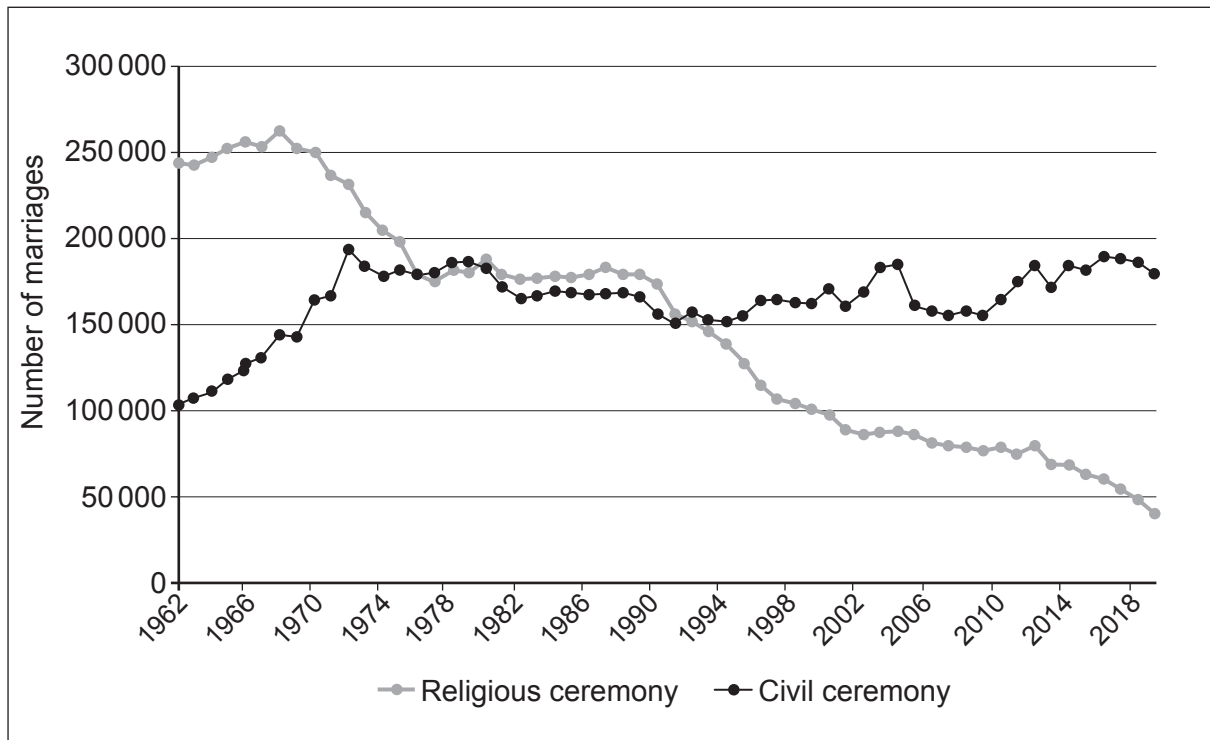
- (c) (i) Using sociological evidence and examples, explain the meaning of the term male gaze. [10]
- (ii) Discuss the view that some ethnic groups are under-represented in the media. [25]

Option 3 Religion

Compulsory question

6. (a) Study the following item and answer all of the questions.

Number of marriages in England and Wales from 1962–2019 by type of ceremony



Source adapted from: <https://www.statista.com> published by D.Clark, June 9th 2022

- (i) Summarise the item showing the number of marriages in England and Wales from 1962–2019 by type of ceremony. [10]
- (ii) Explain **two** sociological reasons why people may choose to have a civil marriage ceremony. [10]

Either,

- (b) (i) Using sociological evidence and examples, explain the meaning of the term belief. [10]
- (ii) Evaluate the view that religions give people a sense of belonging. [25]

Or,

- (c) (i) Using sociological evidence and examples, explain the meaning of the term sacred. [10]
- (ii) Discuss the view that there has been an increase in non-traditional religions. [25]

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