



GCE A LEVEL

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FRIDAY, 9 JUNE 2023 – MORNING

SOCIOLOGY – A2 unit 4

**Social Inequality and Applied Methods of
Sociological Enquiry**

2 hours 15 minutes

ADDITIONAL MATERIALS

A WJEC pink 16-page answer booklet.

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

Use black ink or black ball-point pen.

Answer **all** questions from Section A.

Answer **one** question from Section B.

Write your answers in the separate answer booklet provided.

INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES

The total mark for this paper is 100 marks.

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: Applied methods of sociological enquiry

Read the following item and answer **all** the questions.

Compulsory question**Girls' Annual Attitudes Survey**

For 10 years the Girl Guides organisation has been conducting annual surveys of girls and young women. The surveys aim to explore changes in girls' attitudes and behaviour over time. In 2018 1,903 girls and young women aged between 7 and 21 from all parts of the UK took part in the survey. The researchers used different types of interviews as their chosen research method. Most interviews were conducted online but for school age children face to face interviews took place in school. The researchers asked about a range of things including attitudes to gender roles in the home, attitudes to school and hopes and aspirations for the future. Because the surveys have been conducted over 10 years the researchers can measure changes in attitudes. For example, 43% of girls aged 7–10 enjoy ICT at school compared to 19% in 2009.

We See the Big Picture. Girls' Attitudes Survey 2018 www.tinyurl.com/yamkkfmc.

1. (a) Identify and explain **two** reasons why the researchers decided to use different types of interviews in their research. [10]

- (b) As an A level student, you have been asked to design a research project to collect quantitative data on the types of childcare used by families with young children in your area.
 - (i) Describe each stage of your research design, justifying the reasons for your choice at each stage.
 - (ii) Discuss problems that may occur and the impact of these problems on the quality of the data collected. [30]

SECTION B: Social Inequality

Answer **one** of the following questions.

Either,

2. (a) Identify **two** areas of life in contemporary society where there is evidence of gender inequality. Illustrate your answer with reference to supporting evidence for each area identified. [20]
- (b) Evaluate Weberian explanations of social inequality. [40]

Or,

3. (a) Identify **two** areas of life in contemporary society where there is evidence of social inequality. Illustrate your answer with reference to supporting evidence for each area identified. [20]
- (b) Evaluate the view that gender is the most significant source of social inequality in the UK. [40]

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