GCE AS/A level

1351/01 – LEGACY

SOCIOLOGY – SY1
UNIT 1: Acquiring Culture

A.M. TUESDAY, 17 May 2016

1 hour

ADDITIONAL MATERIALS

In addition to this examination paper, you will need a 12 page answer book.

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

Use black ink or black ball-point pen.

Answer **question 1** and **one** other question.

You are advised to divide your time according to the mark allocation given.

Write your answers in the separate answer book provided.

INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES

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

You are reminded that assessment will take into account the quality of written communication used in your answers.

Credit will be given for reference to recent public debate and research publications.

Compulsory

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

    Cultures vary a great deal. Cultural differences can be demonstrated through language, clothing or symbols and different cultures can have values and norms that are very different to the ones we have been socialised to accept in the UK. The norms and values of a culture may change over time. For example, in the UK smoking is becoming unacceptable whilst divorce has become acceptable. We are socialised into our culture through **agencies of socialisation**.

    (a) With reference to the item and your own knowledge, explain the meaning of the term **agencies of socialisation**.   [5]

    (b) Using material from the item and your own knowledge, describe and explain how any **two** agencies of socialisation can influence an individual's norms and values.   [10]

*Choose **one** question from the following options.*

Either,

2. Families and Culture

(a) Outline and explain reasons for changing marriage patterns in the contemporary UK. [15]

(b) Discuss the view that the nuclear family is the ideal family type in the contemporary UK. [30]

Or,

3. Youth Cultures

(a) Outline and explain reasons why youth sub-cultures are often seen as a form of resistance. [15]

(b) Discuss the view that membership of a youth culture is the norm for young people in the contemporary UK. [30]

Or,

4. Community and Culture

(a) Outline and explain reasons why ethnicity can be an important part of community. [15]

(b) Discuss the view that local communities are important for people in the contemporary UK. [30]

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