



GCE AS/A LEVEL

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SOCIOLOGY – AS unit 2
Understanding Society and Methods of
Sociological Enquiry

TUESDAY, 22 MAY 2018 – MORNING

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ADDITIONAL MATERIALS

A WJEC pink 16-page answer booklet.

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

Answer **all** parts of question one in Section A.

Answer **one** question from Section B.

Write your answers in the separate answer booklet provided.

Use black ink or black ball-point pen.

INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES

The total mark for this paper is 90 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

Read the following item and answer **each** part of the question.

Compulsory question**Perceptions of the nature of urban street gangs 2016**

Following UK government initiatives in 2011 to tackle youth violence in street gangs, Disley and Liddle researched whether the gangs have changed as a result of these initiatives. To gain qualitative insights 30 people associated with gang life were interviewed in-depth, including current or ex-gang members.

The data from the interviews contained quotations, enhancing the **validity** of the data. One gang member described his initiation into the gang as the 'most painful experience of his life'. However, there were mixed accounts of gang life, making it difficult to generalise findings. Perhaps more valid insights may be gained if researchers joined a gang, adopting covert or overt methods of participant observation, however this may generate problems such as ethical issues.

Adapted from: Emma Disley, Mark Liddle January (2016): Local perspectives in Ending Gang and Youth Violence Areas

Answer each part of the following question.

1. (a) Using material from the item and sociological knowledge, explain the meaning of the term **validity**. [5]
- (b) Using material from the item and sociological knowledge, explain **two** possible reasons why sociologists choose to use in-depth interviews in social research. [10]
- (c) With reference to the item and sociological studies, discuss the strengths and weaknesses of participant observation. [20]

SECTION B

Answer **one** of the following options.

Option 1 Education**Compulsory question**

2. (a) Study the following item and answer both parts of question 2 (a).

Key Stage 4 achievement by Free School Meal (FSM) eligibility 2009-2016

Year	Cohort: FSM eligibility	Cohort: Non-FSM eligibility	Percentage achieving level 2 English/Welsh and Maths by FSM eligibility	Percentage achieving level 2 English/Welsh and Maths by non-FSM eligibility
2009	4,966	30,729	20.1	52.1
2010	5,148	30,106	20.7	54.6
2011	5,366	28,979	22.0	55.7
2012	5,186	28,584	23.4	56.6
2013	5,705	29,449	25.8	58.5
2014	5,338	28,370	27.8	61.6
2015	5,154	27,426	31.6	64.1
2016	4,837	26,495	35.6	66.8

Source: *Welsh government statistics 2016*

- (i) Summarise the content of the table showing the relationship between children eligible for free school meals and level 2 educational achievement in English/Welsh and Maths at key stage 4. [10]
- (ii) Explain **two** sociological reasons for the relationship between free school meals and educational achievement. [15]

Either,

- (b) Discuss the view that education effectively prepares young people for the workplace. [30]

Or,

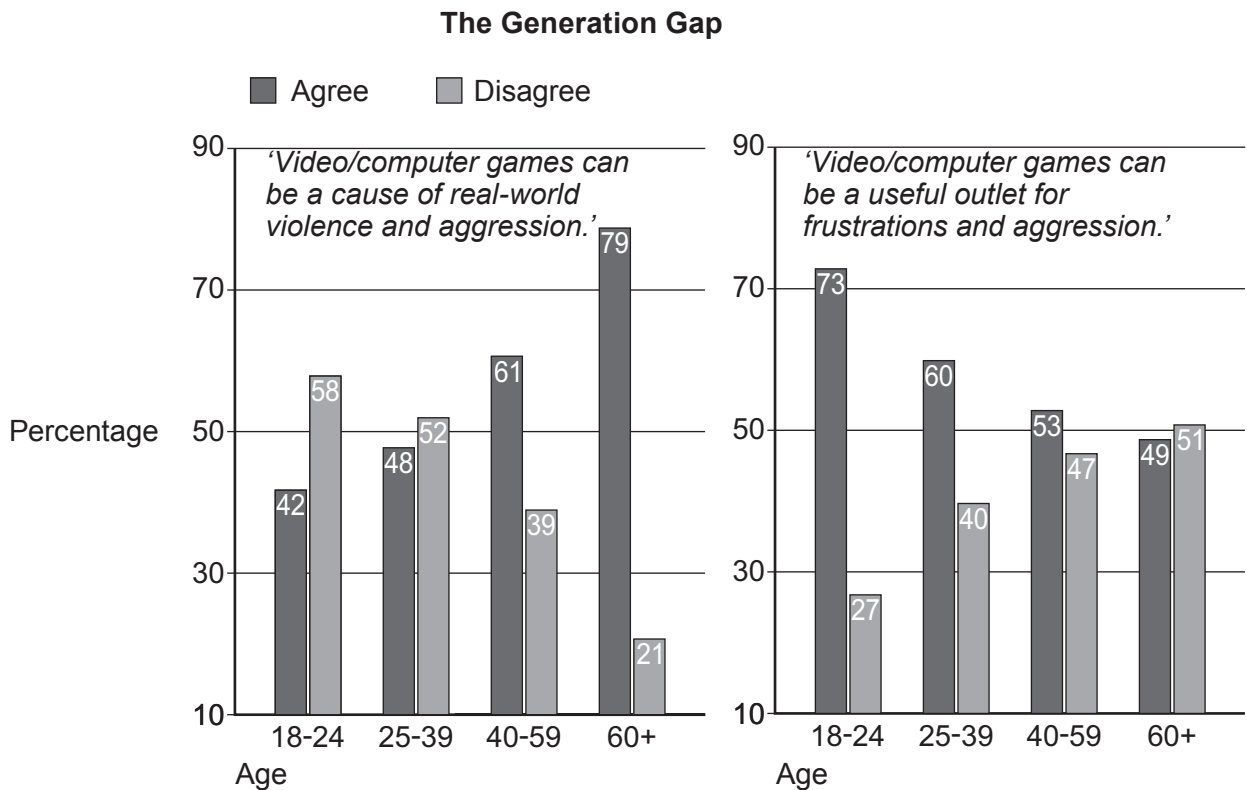
- (c) Assess the impact of cultural factors on achievement in education. [30]

Option 2 Media

Compulsory question

3. (a) Study the following item and answer both parts of question 3 (a).

Attitudes towards whether video/computer games lead to violence



Source: You Gov 2013

- (i) Summarise the content of the graph on attitudes towards whether there is a connection between video game violence and real life violence. [10]
- (ii) Explain **two** sociological reasons for the relationship between the media and violent behaviour. [15]

Either,

- (b) Discuss sociological explanations of media representations of females. [30]

Or,

- (c) Assess Marxist views on the social construction of the news. [30]

Option 3 Religion

Compulsory question

4. (a) Read the following item and answer both parts of question 4 (a).

Religion and place of birth, England and Wales, data by percentage

Religion	UK born %	Non-UK born %
No religion	26.9	13.8
Christian	61.1	47.5
Buddist	0.2	2
Hindu	0.6	7.3
Jewish	0.4	0.7
Muslim	2.6	19
Sikh	0.5	2.4
Other religion	0.4	0.6
Religion not stated	7.3	6.7

Source: *The census 2011*

- (i) Summarise the content of the table on the relationship between place of birth and religion. [10]
- (ii) Explain **two** sociological reasons for the relationship between ethnicity and religiosity. [15]

Either,

- (b) Discuss the view that religion is the opium of the people. [30]

Or,

- (c) Assess sociological explanations of the rise of New Religious Movements. [30]

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