



GCE A LEVEL

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SOCIOLOGY – A2 unit 4
Social Inequality and Applied Methods of
Sociological Enquiry

TUESDAY, 4 JUNE 2019 – AFTERNOON

2 hours 15 minutes

ADDITIONAL MATERIALS

A WJEC pink 16-page answer booklet.

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

Answer **all** questions from 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 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**The British Crime Survey**

The British Crime Survey is a large scale piece of research which attempts to discover accurate information about crime rates and types of crime in the UK. Structured interviews were the chosen research method and for the first time in 1996 computer assisted structured interviews were used. This involved allowing the respondent to read standardised questions on the screen and answer the questionnaire directly into the computer. The sample to be interviewed was selected from areas around the UK in an attempt to represent the population as a whole. The survey included questions on a range of topics, one of which was domestic violence. Structured interviews have many advantages and the use of computers helps to make this method even more useful with certain topics.

Adapted from Moore, S., Aiken, D., Chapman, S. Sociology AS for AQA Collins

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

- (b) As an A level Sociology student, you have been asked to design a research project to collect qualitative data on the role of grandparents amongst a sample of 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 inequality. Illustrate your answer with reference to supporting evidence for each area identified. [20]
- (b) Evaluate sociological explanations of social class inequality. [40]

Or,

3. (a) Identify **two** areas of life in contemporary society where there is evidence of class inequality. Illustrate your answer with reference to supporting evidence for each area identified. [20]
- (b) Evaluate sociological explanations of ethnic inequalities in the UK. [40]

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