



GCE A LEVEL

A200U30-1



**SOCIOLOGY – A level component 3
Power and Stratification**

WEDNESDAY, 12 JUNE 2019 – MORNING

2 hours 30 minutes

ADDITIONAL MATERIALS

A WJEC pink 16-page answer booklet.

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

Answer Section A.

Answer **one** question from Section B.

Use black ink or black ball-point pen.

Write your answers in the separate answer booklet provided.

INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES

Section A carries 60 marks.

Section B carries 60 marks.

The total mark 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.

Answer Section A and one option from Section B.

Section A

Compulsory question

1. (a) Identify evidence of age inequalities in two areas of social life in the contemporary UK. Illustrate your answer with reference to supporting evidence for each area identified. [20]

Either,

- (b) Evaluate Weberian explanations of social inequality. [40]

Or,

- (c) Assess the view that social inequality is functional for society and individuals. [40]

Section B

Answer one of the following options.

Option 1 Crime and Deviance

Compulsory question

2. (a) The percentage of black and ethnic minorities in prison is disproportionate to the numbers in the population as a whole. Explain sociological evidence that supports this view. [20]

Either,

- (b) Evaluate subcultural explanations of crime and deviance. [40]

Or,

- (c) Assess the view that gender is a major factor influencing crime and deviance. [40]

Option 2 Health and Disability

Compulsory question

3. (a) Medicine is an institution of social control. Explain sociological evidence that supports this view. [20]

Either,

- (b) Evaluate the biomedical model of health and illness. [40]

Or,

- (c) Assess the view that material factors are a major cause of morbidity and mortality in the contemporary UK. [40]

Option 3 Power and Politics**Compulsory question**

4. (a) The power of the elites has increased in the contemporary UK. Explain sociological evidence that supports this view. [20]

Either,

- (b) Evaluate Weberian and neo-Weberian explanations of power and politics. [40]

Or,

- (c) Assess the view that pressure groups are an important feature of political life in the contemporary UK. [40]

Option 4 World Sociology**Compulsory question**

5. (a) Globalisation has a major impact on developing countries. Explain sociological evidence that supports this view. [20]

Either,

- (b) Evaluate modernisation theory as an explanation of development. [40]

Or,

- (c) Assess the view that aid can lead to poverty in developing countries. [40]

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