

Friday 20 January 2012 – Morning

AS GCE SOCIOLOGY

G672/01/I Topics in socialisation, culture and identity

INSERT – QUESTION BOOKLET



Duration: 1 hour 30 minutes

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

- Read each question carefully. Make sure you know what you have to do before starting your answer.
- Answer **any two** of the eight essay questions.
- You may choose 2 questions from the same option **or** 1 question from each of two different options.
- Each question has **two** parts.

INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES

- The number of marks is given in brackets [] at the end of each question or part question.
- The total number of marks for each question is **50**.
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- This document consists of **4** pages. Any blank pages are indicated.

INSTRUCTION TO EXAMS OFFICER/INVIGILATOR

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You may choose 2 questions from the same option or 1 question from each of two different options.

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OPTION 1

Sociology of the Family

- 1 (a) Identify and explain **two** ways in which families vary according to ethnicity. [17]
(b) Outline and evaluate the view that the nuclear family plays a negative role in society. [33]

[Total: 50 Marks]

- 2 (a) Identify and explain **two** reasons why family size has decreased. [17]
(b) Outline and evaluate the view that relationships between children and parents are changing. [33]

[Total: 50 Marks]

OPTION 2

Sociology of Health

- 3 (a) Identify and explain **two** ways in which disability is socially constructed. [17]
(b) Outline and evaluate the Weberian view that the medical profession exists to serve its own interests. [33]

[Total: 50 Marks]

- 4 (a) Identify and explain **two** ways in which mental illness is influenced by social class. [17]
(b) Outline and evaluate cultural explanations for patterns of ill health related to gender. [33]

[Total: 50 Marks]

OPTION 3**Sociology of Religion**

- 5 (a) Identify and explain **two** ways in which religiosity is influenced by social class. [17]
(b) Outline and evaluate the view that religion is important in the contemporary UK. [33]

[Total: 50 Marks]

- 6 (a) Identify and explain **two** problems in measuring religious membership. [17]
(b) Outline and evaluate the Marxist view that religion is 'the opium of the people'. [33]

[Total: 50 Marks]

OPTION 4**Sociology of Youth**

- 7 (a) Identify and explain **two** examples of pupil subcultures within schools. [17]
(b) Outline and evaluate sociological views on the role of youth subcultures in society. [33]

[Total: 50 Marks]

- 8 (a) Identify and explain **two** ways the media influence the social construction of youth. [17]
(b) Outline and evaluate the view that youth deviance is related to social class. [33]

[Total: 50 Marks]

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