



GCE A level

1353/01

SOCIOLOGY - SY3

UNIT 3

UNDERSTANDING POWER AND CONTROL

P.M. WEDNESDAY, 15 June 2011

1½ hours

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.

There is one compulsory question and a choice of extension questions for each option.

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.

Choose from one of the following options

Option 1 Understanding Crime

Compulsory question:

1. Outline and briefly explain the meaning of the term deviance. [15]
Either,
2. To what extent is there a 'typical' criminal? [45]
Or,
3. Evaluate the usefulness of functionalist explanations of crime. [45]

Option 2 Understanding Politics

Compulsory question:

4. Outline and briefly explain the meaning of devolution. [15]
Either,
5. To what extent have new technologies influenced politics in the UK? [45]
Or,
6. Evaluate the view that the UK is a pluralist society. [45]

Option 3 Understanding Health and Disability

Compulsory question:

7. Outline and briefly explain the importance of ethics in medical practice. [15]
Either,
8. To what extent are cultural factors responsible for inequalities in health? [45]
Or,
9. Evaluate the view that illness is socially constructed. [45]