



GCE AS/A level

1351/01

SOCIOLOGY - SY1

UNIT 1

ACQUIRING CULTURE

P.M. FRIDAY, 14 January 2011

1 hour

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.

Answer **question 1** and **one** other question.

You are advised to divide your time according to the mark allocation given.

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.

Compulsory

1. Look at the item below and answer the following questions.

The Family



The family is regarded as an important agent of **primary socialisation**. Parents teach young people what is expected of them such as table manners. In this way socialisation is a process through which children learn about their culture. Parents control the behaviour of their children using a variety of techniques and as a child gets older other agents of socialisation continue this process.

- (a) With reference to the item and your own knowledge, explain the meaning of the term **primary socialisation**. [5]
- (b) Using material from the item and your own knowledge, describe and explain how any **two agents** of socialisation can control behaviour. [10]

Choose **one** question from the following options:

Either,

2.

Families and culture

- (a) Outline and explain the reasons why fewer people are choosing to marry in contemporary Britain. [15]
- (b) Assess the view that the nuclear family is functional for society and for individuals. [30]

Or,

3.

Youth cultures

- (a) Outline and explain the reasons why many youth cultures are often seen as being masculine. [15]
- (b) Assess the view that spectacular youth cultures are a thing of the past. [30]

Or,

4.

Community and culture

- (a) Outline and explain the reasons why communities are said to be less important in contemporary society. [15]
- (b) Assess the view that contemporary society has seen the growth of new communities. [30]