



GCE AS/A LEVEL

1351/01

**SOCIOLOGY – SY1
UNIT 1 – ACQUIRING CULTURE**

P.M. MONDAY, 13 May 2013

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.

There have been several cases of ‘feral’ children found in forests and elsewhere who have apparently been reared by wolves or other animals. These children act in a way that is different to expected human behaviour. Sociologists often refer to these children as an example of the influence of **nurture** on human behaviour.

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

Choose one question from the following options.

Either,

2.

Families and culture

- (a) Outline and explain reasons for the growth in singlehood in the contemporary UK. [15]
- (b) A high divorce rate reflects less commitment to family life. Discuss. [30]

Or,

3.

Youth cultures

- (a) Outline and explain the features of spectacular youth cultures. [15]
- (b) Youth cultures have often been linked to deviant behaviour. Discuss. [30]

Or,

4.

Community and culture

- (a) Outline and explain how community contributes to a person's identity. [15]
- (b) Communities are no longer based on geographical location. Discuss. [30]