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Sociology 6191

SCY6 Crime and Deviance;
Stratification and Differentiation

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SCY6

GUIDANCE NOTES IN THE USE OF GENERAL AND QUESTION SPECIFIC MARK SCHEMES FOR UNIT 6.

TWO RELATED MARK SCHEMES ARE PROVIDED

Examiners are required to consult and apply the two related mark schemes as follows:

A General Mark Scheme made up of two sections on:

- (i) Knowledge and Understanding;
- (ii) Identification, Analysis, Interpretation and Evaluation.

A Question Specific Mark Scheme made up of one section on:

(i) Knowledge and Understanding. This will enable examiners to assess the knowledge and understanding requirements of particular questions.

Marking

In the process of marking a particular question, you must follow the procedure detailed below in marking the different Skill Domains:

(i) Knowledge and Understanding

Refer to the Question Specific Mark Scheme and the General Mark Scheme.

(ii) Identification, Analysis, Interpretation and Evaluation

Refer to the General Mark Scheme.

Each answer should be assessed separately for each of the two Skill Domains and the mark for each Skill Domain recorded and totalled to give an overall mark. For example in the case of an answer which was rewarded 6 marks for Knowledge And Understanding and 6 for Identification, Analysis, Interpretation and Evaluation, the total mark for this answer would be 12.

GENERAL MARK SCHEME FOR UNIT 6

Knowledge and Understanding

- **0** No relevant knowledge or understanding.
- 1-5 Answers in this band will show a very limited sociological knowledge and understanding. Answers will show little or no knowledge or understanding of the connections between the synoptic and other substantive topic(s), sociological thought or research methods as appropriate.

Lower in the band, knowledge will consist of commonsensical points. Answers will show only minimal understanding of either the question or the material offered in response to it.

Higher in the band, knowledge will consist of a few isolated quasi-sociological points, with omissions and perhaps with significant errors. Understanding both of the question and of material offered in response to it will be very simplistic and perhaps confused.

6-10 Answers in this band will show a somewhat limited sociological knowledge and understanding. Answers will show a limited knowledge and understanding of the connections between the synoptic and other substantive topic(s), sociological thought or research methods as appropriate.

Lower in the band, there will be a shallow knowledge of a limited amount of sociological material, perhaps with errors. Understanding both of the question and the material presented in response to it will be superficial.

Higher in the band, there will be a reasonably accurate but rather shallow and descriptive knowledge of a still limited amount of sociological material, or alternatively a slightly deeper but very narrow knowledge. There may be a generalised understanding of the question, or one which shows a specific understanding of only a very limited aspect of the question.

11 – 16 Answers in this band will show a reasonably good sociological knowledge and understanding. Answers will show an accurate but undeveloped knowledge and understanding of the connections between the synoptic and other substantive topic(s), sociological thought or research methods as appropriate.

Lower in the band, there will be a reasonably accurate knowledge of a range of sociological material with some limited success in conveying conceptual detail, or alternatively a more conceptually detailed but narrowly based knowledge. Knowledge shown may be either theoretical, empirical or both. Answers will show a specific understanding of some of the demands of the question and of the material offered in response, but other aspects will be neglected or treated in a generalised fashion.

Higher in the band there will be somewhat greater success in conveying conceptual detail, or a slightly greater breadth of knowledge; however, answers will remain somewhat limited in range or depth. Knowledge shown will be both theoretical and empirical. There will be a specific understanding of most of the principal demands or aspects of the question, but some others will be neglected or treated in a generalised fashion.

17 – 20 Answers in this band will show very good sociological knowledge and understanding. Answers will show a clear and detailed knowledge and understanding of the connections between the synoptic and other substantive topic(s), sociological thought or research methods as appropriate.

Lower in the band, there will be a wide-ranging theoretical and empirical knowledge which will, with only very minor exceptions, be thorough, accurate and conceptually detailed. Accurate and explicit links will be made between some of the theoretical and empirical material. There will be a clear understanding both of the question, including its theoretical context, and of the material offered in response.

Higher in the band, knowledge will be comprehensive and will be thorough, accurate and conceptually detailed throughout. There will be a clear understanding of the theoretical context of the question, and there will be accurate and explicit links between the theoretical and empirical parts of the answer. Answers will show a clear, full and complex understanding of the question and the material offered.

GENERAL MARK SCHEME FOR UNIT 6

Identification, Analysis, Interpretation and Evaluation

- **0** No relevant identification, analysis, interpretation or evaluation.
- 1-5 Answers in this band will show very limited skills of identification, analysis, interpretation and evaluation.

Lower in the band, answers will show, at best, only a rudimentary ability to demonstrate any of the four skills.

Higher in the band, answers will show an ability to demonstrate one or more of the four skills to only an elementary standard. For example, there may be a very limited identification of a study or perspective. There may be a basic interpretation or analysis of an aspect of the question or of the material offered in answer to it. Evaluation may consist of a single brief critical point.

Throughout this band, there may be numerous significant errors, omissions and confusions in the attempt to demonstrate the relevant skills. Answers are very unlikely to demonstrate more than one or two of the skills, even to a very limited degree.

6-10 Answers in this band will show somewhat limited skills of identification, analysis, interpretation and evaluation.

Lower in the band, answers will show a limited ability to demonstrate any of the four skills. For example, a few features of a study or perspective may be identified, or a couple of brief evaluative points made.

Higher in the band, skills will remain generally undeveloped but either a wider range of skills will be shown to a limited degree, or one or two skills only may show some incomplete development, as for example an interpretation of a study or theory in a way appropriate to the set question.

Throughout this band, there may be some significant errors, omissions and confusions in the attempt to demonstrate the relevant skills. Evidence of all four skills may be present to a limited degree; alternatively, there may be reasonable evidence of one or two skills but no evidence of others.

11 – 16 Answers in this band will show reasonably good skills of identification, analysis, interpretation and evaluation.

Lower in the band, all or most skills will be present with some incomplete development. Alternatively, one or two skills will be explicitly and well developed, with more limited demonstration of others. For example, there may be some explicit but one-sided evaluation and some appropriate analysis of a number of relevant issues.

Higher in the band, there may be a fuller development of one or two skills, for example a thorough, explicit and balanced evaluation, whilst some other skills are present but still incomplete.

Throughout this band, skills will be demonstrated in a generally accurate and relevant way, but there will be some errors, incomplete development or inappropriate aspects.

17 – 20 Answers will show very good skills of identification, analysis, interpretation and evaluation.

Lower in the band, most skills will be successfully and explicitly demonstrated but not all will be fully developed. For example, evaluation may remain somewhat one-sided.

Higher in the band, all skills will be demonstrated in a thorough, comprehensive and explicit manner throughout, with sensitivity and sophistication and following a clear rationale.

Throughout this band, all four skills will be demonstrated in an accurate, appropriate manner.

QUALITY OF WRITTEN COMMUNICATION

Where candidates are required to produce extended written material in English, the scheme of assessment must make specific reference to the assessment of the quality of written communication. Candidates must be required to:

- select and use a form and style of writing appropriate to purpose and complex subject matter;
- organise relevant information clearly and coherently, using specialist vocabulary when appropriate;
- ensure text is legible, and spelling, grammar and punctuation are accurate, so that meaning is clear.

The assessment criteria for quality of written communication apply to the assessment of parts (b) and (c) of the questions. The following criteria should be applied in conjunction with the mark schemes (the general mark scheme and the question specific mark scheme).

The quality of written communication bands must be regarded as integral to the appropriate mark scheme band even though they are listed separately in the mark scheme. Examiners should note that, in the assessment of candidates' sociological knowledge and skills, the assessment of the Quality of Written Communication will be judged through the assessment of the clarity and appropriateness of the sociological material presented.

Questions 1 (b) and 2 (b)

In the 1-4 band, candidates' answers are likely to be characterised by the poor logical expression of ideas and the use of a limited range of conceptual terms, perhaps often used imprecisely and/or inaccurately. Spelling, punctuation and grammar may show serious deficiencies and frequent errors, perhaps impairing the intelligibility of significant parts of the answer.

In the 5-9 band, candidates' answers are likely to be characterised by the fair to good logical expression of ideas and the competent use of a reasonable range of conceptual terms. Spelling, punctuation and grammar will be of a reasonable standard. Commonly used words and sociological terms will generally be spelt correctly. There may be minor errors of punctuation and grammar, but these will not seriously impair the intelligibility of the answer.

In the 10 - 12 band, candidates' answers are likely to be characterised by the very good to excellent logical expression of ideas and the precise use of a broad range of conceptual terms. Spelling, punctuation and grammar will be of a very good to excellent standard. Commonly and less commonly used words and sociological terms will almost always be spelt correctly. Punctuation and grammar will be used correctly throughout to facilitate the intelligibility of the answer.

Questions 1 (c) and 2 (c)

In the 1-5 band, candidates' answers are likely to be characterised by the very poor logical expression of ideas and the use of a very limited range of conceptual terms, perhaps often used imprecisely and/or inaccurately. Spelling, punctuation and grammar may show serious deficiencies and frequent errors, impairing the intelligibility of significant parts of the answer.

In the 6-10 band, candidates' answers are likely to be characterised by the generally fair logical expression of ideas, though perhaps with some occasional flaws, and the use of a somewhat limited range of conceptual terms, perhaps sometimes used imprecisely and/or inaccurately. Spelling, punctuation and grammar will be fair. Commonly used words and sociological terms will mostly be spelt correctly. There may be some errors in punctuation and grammar which impair the intelligibility of some parts of the answer.

In the 11 - 16 band, candidates' answers are likely to be characterised by the reasonable to good logical expression of ideas and the competent use of a reasonable range of conceptual terms. Spelling, punctuation and grammar will be of a good standard. Commonly used words and sociological terms will be spelt correctly. Punctuation and grammar will be of a good standard facilitating a competent expression of ideas.

In the 17 - 20 band, candidates' answers are likely to be characterised by the very good to excellent logical expression of ideas and the precise use of a broad range of conceptual terms. Spelling, punctuation and grammar will be of a very good to excellent standard, with commonly and less commonly used words and sociological terms almost always spelt correctly. Meaning will be clear throughout.

Choose one Section and answer all parts of the question from that Section.

SECTION A - CRIME AND DEVIANCE

1 Total for this section: 60 marks

(a) Identify and briefly explain two criticisms made of Merton's 'strain' theory (Item A).

(8 marks)

This part of the question includes assessment of your understanding of the connections between Crime and Deviance and sociological theory.

Two marks for each of two appropriate criticisms, such as:

- it ignores non-utilitarian crime;
- it ignores collective deviance;
- it ignores law-making;
- it wrongly assumes value consensus;
- it takes official statistics for granted;
- it ignores actors' capacity to choose.

Two further marks for each of these satisfactorily explained, such as:

- it ignores non-utilitarian crime: because it sees crime as motivated only by the desire for money success, it fails to explain crimes such as vandalism, violence etc;
- it ignores collective deviance: it fails to see that some deviance is the product of subcultural norms and values, not just individuals striving to achieve societal goals;
- it ignores law-making: by focusing simply on who breaks the law, it fails to consider who makes the law and who benefits from it.

(b) Examine the relationship between gender and deviance, making use of material from **two or more** of the following areas: families and households; health; mass media; education; wealth, poverty and welfare; work and leisure; power and politics; religion; world sociology.

(12 marks)

This part of the question includes assessment of your understanding of the connections between Crime and Deviance and other substantive topics you have studied.

- **0** No relevant points.
- 1-4 Answers in this band will show limited knowledge and understanding and will have only limited success in identifying, interpreting, analysing and evaluating material to meet the synoptic requirements of the question.

Lower in the band, one or two inconsequential commonsensical points may be made about women being less criminally inclined, with minimal or no elaboration. Higher in the band, one or two relevant, vaguely sociological, undeveloped points may be made, for instance about girls' primary socialisation and crime.

5-9 Answers in this band will show a reasonable knowledge and understanding and will have some success in identifying, interpreting, analysing and evaluating material to meet the synoptic requirements of the question.

Lower in the band, answers will identify accurately a limited number of points, eg about women's domestic role and opportunity for deviance, and will tend to list descriptively rather than discuss the material presented. Some of the material may not be interpreted appropriately to the demands of the question, eg recounting studies/theories of gender and deviance without linking this clearly to any specified areas. Some may deal exclusively (or nearly so) with only one area, not two.

Higher in the band, answers will show a greater range of material, eg on men as well as women, or a greater tendency to discuss rather than list points, and will begin to deal with two or more areas (though possibly unevenly). Most material will be interpreted in ways appropriate to the question. However, some aspects may not be adequately focused. There will be some limited explicit analysis and/or evaluation, eg of biological/psychological approaches to gender and deviance.

10-12 Answers in this band will show a sound knowledge and understanding and will be largely successful in identifying, interpreting, analysing and evaluating material to meet the synoptic requirements of the question.

Answers in this band will examine the relationship between gender and deviance. They will make use of material from two or more of the specified areas. Material will be appropriately interpreted and applied. Concepts and issues such as the following may feature: patriarchy, control theory, access to illegitimate opportunity structures, gender role socialisation, the chivalry thesis, policing and sentencing policy, liberation vs marginalisation theses, gender and class 'deals', masculinity and crime, 'edgework', women as victims etc. Analysis and/or evaluation will be relevant, explicit and well developed, eg by locating the discussion in a broader framework (eg feminist, New Right, functionalist and postmodernist views) or assessing sources of data (eg self-report/victim studies, official sources etc).

(c) Assess the usefulness of statistical data in the study of crime and deviance. (40 marks)

This part of the question includes assessment of your understanding of the connections between Crime and Deviance and sociological methods.

Knowledge and Understanding

20 marks

- **0** No relevant knowledge and understanding.
- 1-5 Answers in this band will show very limited knowledge and understanding and will have only very limited success in meeting the synoptic requirements of the question.

Lower in the band, there will be one or two commonsensical points about crime, showing minimal understanding.

Higher in the band, there will be one or two isolated, very limited and possibly confused quasi-sociological points, eg about unrecorded crime, possibly with major errors or omissions.

6-10 Answers in this band will show somewhat limited knowledge and understanding and will have somewhat limited success in meeting the synoptic requirements of the question.

Lower in the band, there will be a shallow and limited knowledge and understanding of some potentially relevant material, eg two or three points about class differences in recorded crime rates, perhaps with errors.

Higher in the band, knowledge will be somewhat greater and more accurate, but still limited, for example to a superficial descriptive account of a study of differential law enforcement.

11 – 16 Answers in this band will show reasonably good knowledge and understanding and will be reasonably successful in meeting the synoptic requirements of the question.

Lower in the band, there will be a reasonably accurate knowledge of some theoretical and/or empirical material on statistical data on crime/deviance.

- Some may be broader accounts that amass descriptions of studies (eg of suicide, selective law enforcement etc) but with limited conceptual detail.
- Others may be narrower but more conceptually based answers.
- Many may focus exclusively on crime to the neglect of non-criminal deviance, reflecting a rather partial understanding of the question.

Higher in the band, there will be knowledge of both theoretical and empirical material on statistical data, and slightly more breadth or conceptual detail. Material from different perspectives may also feature (eg positivism, interpretivism), reflecting a wider understanding, though there may be more concern with reporting findings of studies from such perspectives, or with describing these approaches, than with linking the theoretical and empirical aspects.

17-20 Answers in this band will show very good knowledge and understanding and will successfully meet the synoptic requirements of the question.

These answers will show a thorough, conceptually detailed and wide-ranging knowledge and understanding of theoretical and empirical material on statistical data on crime and deviance. They will show a clear understanding of relevant debates and issues. These may include statistics as social facts or social constructs; statistics as topic or resource; differential

enforcement; moral panics and the amplification spiral; white collar and corporate crime; class, gender, ethnic etc differences in crime rates; institutional racism; patriarchy; the debate about suicide statistics; typifications; officials' commonsense assumptions etc. Positivist, interpretivist, realist, Marxist and feminist perspectives may feature. Answers will be broad ranging, dealing with a range of different types or sources of statistics (eg CKP index, self-report and victim studies, statistics compiled from documentary analysis) and/or forms of deviance (eg suicide as well as crime).

Higher in the band, knowledge will be more comprehensive and detailed, and/or links between theoretical and empirical aspects more explicit and developed, and understanding will be clearer and more complex.

In answering this question, candidates may refer to some of the following sources and/or relevant alternative ones: Atkinson; Becker; Box; Chambliss; Cicourel; Douglas; Durkheim; Graham & Bowling; Halbwachs; Lea & Young; Pearce; Sutherland; The British Crime Survey; Taylor.

NB: You must use the General Mark Scheme for AO2 to allocate a mark for AO2 skills.

SECTION B - STRATIFICATION AND DIFFERENTIATION

2 Total for this section: 60 marks

- (a) Identify and briefly explain:
 - (i) **one** advantage of using occupation as an indicator of social class, **apart from** that referred to in **Item B**; (4 marks)

and

(ii) **one** problem of using occupation as an indicator of social class, **apart from** that referred to in **Item B**. (4 marks)

This part of the question includes assessment of your understanding of the connections between Stratification and Differentiation and sociological methods.

Two marks for one appropriate advantage identified and two marks for one appropriate problem identified, such as:

Advantage

- most adults have or have had an occupation;
- information on people's occupations is readily available.

Problem

- problems classifying those without a paid occupation;
- it ignores the importance of property as a determinant of class;
- disagreements about how to group occupations together into classes.

Note: no marks for occupation as good predictor of life chances or the 'unit of analysis' problem (both are in Item B).

Two further marks for each of these satisfactorily explained, such as:

Advantage

- most adults have or have had an occupation;
- most people have to work for a living, so occupation provides an indicator that can be used to classify most of the population;
- information on people's occupations is readily available: the census provides occupational information on the whole population.

Problem

- problems classifying those without a paid occupation: the unemployed, the non-working rich, full-time housewives, the retired etc cannot satisfactorily be allocated a class position;
- disagreements about how to group occupations together into classes: some use skill levels, others use status of occupations.

(b) Examine the relevance of age differences **and** ethnic differences to our understanding of **one or more** of the following areas: families and households; health; mass media; education; wealth, poverty and welfare; work and leisure; power and politics; religion; world sociology.

(12 marks)

This part of the question includes assessment of your understanding of the connections between Stratification and Differentiation and other substantive topics you have studied.

- **0** No relevant points.
- 1-4 Answers in this band will show limited knowledge and understanding and will have only limited success in identifying, interpreting, analysing and evaluating material to meet the synoptic requirements of the question.

Lower in the band, one or two inconsequential commonsensical points may be made about age or ethnicity, with minimal or no elaboration.

Higher in the band, one or two relevant, vaguely sociological, undeveloped points may be made, for instance about ethnicity and family structure.

5-9 Answers in this band will show a reasonable knowledge and understanding and will have some success in identifying, interpreting, analysing and evaluating material to meet the synoptic requirements of the question.

Lower in the band, answers will identify accurately a limited number of relevant points, eg about ethnicity and educational achievement, and will tend to list descriptively rather than discuss the material presented. Some of the material may not be interpreted appropriately to the demands of the question, eg recounting theories of ethnic stratification without linking this clearly to specific areas. Some may deal exclusively (or nearly so) with only ethnic or only age differences.

Higher in the band, answers will show a greater range of material or greater tendency to discuss rather than list points, and will begin to deal with both ethnicity and age. Most material will be interpreted in ways appropriate to the question. However, some aspects may not be adequately focused. There will be some limited explicit analysis and/or evaluation, eg by locating discussion within a theoretical framework.

10-12 Answers in this band will show sound knowledge and understanding and will be largely successful in identifying, interpreting, analysing and evaluating material to meet the synoptic requirements of the question.

Answers in this band will examine ways in which both age and ethnic differences may be relevant to our understanding of one or more of the specified areas. Concepts connected with age/ethnicity, such as ageism, dependency, disengagement, children as economic assets/liabilities, exclusion, social construction of age/ethnicity, prejudice, institutional racism, stereotyping etc, will be interpreted and applied appropriately, eg to particular institutions, statuses or processes. Examples might include child labour in the Third World, the status of young and old in families, age inequalities in political rights, religious organisations etc; ethnic differences in health care, educational achievement, unemployment, poverty, family structures. media representations, religious affiliation etc. Analysis and/or evaluation will be relevant, explicit and well developed, eg by locating the discussion within a theoretical framework, or by considering how age/ethnicity interact with class or gender.

(c) Assess the claim that Marx's explanation of the nature and position of the working class is no longer relevant today. (40 marks)

This part of the question includes assessment of your understanding of the connections between Stratification and Differentiation and sociological theory.

Knowledge and Understanding

20 marks

- **0** No relevant knowledge and understanding.
- 1-5 Answers in this band will show very limited knowledge and understanding and will have only very limited success in meeting the synoptic requirements of the question.

Lower in the band, there will be one or two commonsensical points about class, showing minimal understanding.

Higher in the band, there will be one or two isolated, very limited and possibly confused quasi-sociological points, eg about manual workers, possibly with major errors or omissions.

6-10 Answers in this band will show somewhat limited knowledge and understanding and will have somewhat limited success in meeting the synoptic requirements of the question.

Lower in the band, there will be a shallow and limited knowledge and understanding of some potentially relevant material, eg on one or two aspects of Marx's views, perhaps with errors.

Higher in the band, knowledge will be somewhat greater and more accurate, but still limited, for example to a superficial descriptive account of a few features of the embourgeoisement thesis.

11 – 16 Answers in this band will show a reasonably good knowledge and understanding and will be reasonably successful in meeting the synoptic requirements of the question.

Lower in the band, there will be a reasonably accurate knowledge of some theoretical and/or empirical material.

- Some may be broader accounts that amass descriptions, eg of studies of embourgeoisement, proletarianisation etc, but with limited conceptual detail.
- Others may be narrower but more conceptually based answers, eg accounts of Marx's predictions about the role of the working class.

Higher in the band, there will be knowledge of both theoretical and empirical material on the nature and/or position of the working class, and slightly more breadth or conceptual detail. Material from different perspectives may also feature (eg Weberian, postmodernist), reflecting a wider understanding, though there may be more concern with reporting findings of studies from such perspectives than with considering their theoretical implications.

17-20 Answers in this band will show a very good knowledge and understanding and will successfully meet the synoptic demands of the question.

These answers will show a thorough, conceptually detailed and wide-ranging knowledge and understanding of theoretical and empirical material on the nature and position of the working class today, such as the following: Marxist, Weberian, neo-Marxist and other theories; definitions/composition of the working class (eg manual workers, wage labourers); boundaries with other classes; embourgeoisement and proletarianisation; life chances; lifestyle and consumption patterns; internal divisions (of skill, gender, ethnicity, region etc);

de-industrialisation; fragmentation; class consciousness, organisation and action; role in relation to social change etc. They will show a clear understanding of the theoretical debates surrounding the question.

Higher in the band, knowledge will be more comprehensive and detailed, and/or links between theoretical and empirical aspects more explicit and developed, and understanding will become clearer and more complex.

In answering this question, candidates may refer to some of the following sources and/or relevant alternative ones: Beynon; Blackburn & Mann; Braverman; Castles & Kosack; Crewe; Dahrendorf; Devine; Goldthorpe & Lockwood; Lockwood; Mann; Marshall et al; Marx; Pen; Rex; Warwick & Littlejohn; Weber; Westergaard, E.O. Wright.

NB: You must use the General Mark Scheme for AO2 to allocate a mark for AO2 skills.

ASSESSMENT GRIDS FOR UNIT 6 (SCY6) (SYNOPTIC)

Crime and Deviance

	ASSESSMENT OBJECTIVES		
Questions	AO1	AO2	Total
1 a	2	6	8
1 b	2	10	12
1 c	20	20	40
Total	24	36	60

Stratification and Differentiation

	ASSESSMENT OBJECTIVES		
Questions	AO1	AO2	Total
2 a	2	6	8
2 b	2	10	12
2 c	20	20	40
Total	24	36	60