



GCE AS/A level

1351/01

SOCIOLOGY - SY1

UNIT 1 - ACQUIRING CULTURE

P.M. THURSDAY, 12 January 2012

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**.

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.

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



The media are important agents of secondary socialisation. In books, magazines, music, TV, films and on the internet adults and children are presented with images that can have an impact on their norms and values. The toys that children choose to play with are also influenced by the media and transmit important messages about **culture**.

1. (a) With reference to the item, and your own knowledge, explain the meaning of the term **culture**. [5]
- (b) Using material from the item, and your own knowledge, describe and explain how any **two** agents of socialisation transmit norms and values. [10]

Choose one question from the following options.

2. Families and Culture

- (a) Outline and explain the reasons for an increase in the diversity of family forms in contemporary society. [15]
- (b) Assess the view that there is equality in gender roles within the family in contemporary society. [30]

3. Youth cultures

- (a) Outline and explain reasons for changes in female involvement in youth cultures in contemporary society. [15]
- (b) Assess the view that spectacular youth cultures have been replaced by neo-tribes in contemporary society. [30]

4. Community and culture

- (a) Outline and explain the reasons why nationality can be an important part of community. [15]
- (b) Assess the view that virtual communities have become more important than traditional communities in contemporary society. [30]