



GCE AS/A level

1352/01

SOCIOLOGY – SY2

UNIT 2: Understanding Culture

A.M. THURSDAY, 24 January 2013

1½ hours

ADDITIONAL MATERIALS

You will need a WJEC 20-page answer booklet (pink), which has been specifically designed for this examination paper. No other style of answer booklet should be used. Should you run out of space, use a standard 4 page continuation booklet.

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

Use black ink or black ball-point pen. Do not use a gel pen or correction fluid.

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

Use both sides of the paper. Write only within the white areas of the book. Write the question number in the two boxes in the left hand margin at the start of each answer. Leave at least two line spaces between each answer.

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

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 British Crime Survey

The police gather detailed **official statistics** about crimes that have been recorded. They are an accurate record of the crime that the police decide to make a note of. However, they do not take into account crimes that have not been recorded or ones that have not been reported to the Police.

The British Crime Survey is intended to discover more about the crimes that the police do not know about or record. It asks people living in households in England and Wales about their experiences of crime using a **structured interview**. 51,000 people aged 16 and over are interviewed face to face. Over 200 professional interviewers are trained to conduct the survey.

Adapted from the Home Office website

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| 1 | 1 | Using material from the item and elsewhere, explain the full meaning of the term official statistics . | [10] |
| 1 | 2 | With reference to the item and sociological studies, explain the strengths and limitations of structured interviews . | [20] |

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

Either,

2.

Education

2	1
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 Outline and explain the meaning of the self-fulfilling prophecy in education. [20]

2	2
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 Outline and assess explanations of differences in attainment between different ethnic groups in the UK. [40]

Or,

3.

Religion

3	1
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 Outline and explain the growth of non-Christian religions in the UK. [20]

3	2
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 Outline and assess the view that organised religion is no longer important. [40]

Or,

4.

Mass Media

4	1
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 Outline and explain the ways in which the mass media are an important agency of socialisation. [20]

4	2
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 Outline and assess pluralist views of the control of media content. [40]