



GCE AS/A level

1351/01

SOCIOLOGY – SY1
UNIT 1: Acquiring Culture

A.M. WEDNESDAY, 15 January 2014

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.

Compulsory

1. Read the item below and answer the following questions.

An important aspect of the socialisation process is the learning of social roles. In society, people have a number of different **social roles**. Young people's roles include being a student, friend and son or daughter. Different roles have different expectations. For example, a teacher is expected to mark the work of students and treat students equally. On the other hand, students are expected to attend lessons and show respect towards their teachers.

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

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

Either,

2. Families and Culture

- (a) Outline and explain the influence of high divorce rates on family structures. [15]
- (b) Assess sociological explanations of the role of the family in the contemporary UK. [30]

Or,

3. Youth Cultures

- (a) Outline and explain reasons for the development of neo-tribes. [15]
- (b) Assess sociological explanations of the role of youth sub-cultures. [30]

Or,

4. Community and Culture

- (a) Outline and explain the differences between rural and urban communities. [15]
- (b) Assess sociological explanations of the role of communities in the contemporary UK. [30]

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