

General Certificate of Secondary Education

Sociology

Specimen Paper 2

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Quality of Written Communication (QWC)

GCSE specifications which require candidates to produce written material in English must:

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

In this specification, quality of written communication will be assessed by means of Assessment Objectives in all questions where extended writing is required. In this paper, extended writing is required when answering the following questions:

1 (g), 2 (g), 3 (g), 4 (g).

SECTION A

CRIME AND DEVIANCE	Total for this quest	ion: 30	marks
Overtion 4		AO	Marks
Question 1			
(a) From Item A , identify what percentage of 17-guilty of or, or cautioned for, an indictable offer Wales in 2005?	· I		
6%		AO3	1
(b) From Item B , what percentage of parents have not shoplifted?	think their children		
65%		AO3	1
(c) Identify two ways in which a peer groumembers to conform to its rules.	up may encourage (2 marks)		
1 mark for each of two identifications of an approp being ridiculed, exclusion from the group.	riate way, eg fear of	AO1	2
(d) Explain what sociologists mean by deviance.	. (4 marks)		
1 mark for basic statements about deviance.		AO1	1
2–3 marks for a partial explanation relating to a failure norms.	e to conform to social	AO1	2
4 marks for a clear explanation of the sociolog deviance, eg distinguishing between non-con behaviour.	•	AO1	1
(e) Describe the way in which a victim survey explain why it might show more accurately t the number of crimes actually committed.			
1 mark for a partial description.2 marks for an appropriate description, eg personale.		AO1	1
whether they've been a victim or through representative sample.	•	AO2	1
Plus 1.2 marks for explanation in terms of wave in wh		AO2	2
1–2 marks for explanation in terms of ways in where problems of under reporting/under recording.3 marks for a clear explanation which makes an with police statistics.		AO2	1

(f) Describe one kind of problem behaviour believed to be associated with teenagers in recent years and explain why members of the public have considered it a problem. (5 marks)	АО	Marks
1 mark for a partial description. 2 marks for an appropriate description, eg violent crime, drug taking, anti-social behaviour, through reference to the specific nature of the teenage behaviour.	AO1 AO2	1 1
Plus 1–2 marks for explanation through reference to the harm done. 3 marks for a clear explanation explicitly relating the behaviour to the public perception that it is a problem.	AO2 AO2	2 1

Discuss how far sociologists would agree that working

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class males are more likely to commit crimes than other sections of society. (12 marks) 0 No relevant points made. 1-3 Basic statements about crime/criminals. AO1 3 In this band, candidates spell, punctuate and use the rules of grammar poorly; they use a very limited range of specialist terms, perhaps used inaccurately. To reach this band there must be some use/understanding of AO1 relevant sociological evidence (relating eg to relevant factors AO2 2 such as income, age, sex, ethnicity, family, neighbourhood, education; to inadequacy/bias of official data), concepts (eg class, peer group, relative deprivation) and/or ideas (eg social exclusion, inadequate socialisation, white collar crime), though focus may not be consistent and the quality/range of the material may be limited. There will be no response to 'how far'. In this band, candidates spell, punctuate and use the rules of grammar with some accuracy; they use a limited range of specialist terms appropriately. To reach this band there must be evidence of a more 7–9 AO2 2 developed level of understanding of the relevant sociology (as AO3 1 There must also be evidence that the defined above). candidate recognises 'how far'. In this band, candidates spell, punctuate and use the rules of grammar with reasonable accuracy; they use a good range of specialist terms with facility. AO3 3 10-12 To reach this band there must be evidence of clear understanding shown through developed use of relevant sociological concepts and/or ideas within a well focused discussion that explicitly addresses 'how far' (eg through a comparison of the incidence of male working class criminality with that of other sections of society) in some detail. In this band, candidates spell, punctuate and use the rules of grammar with considerable accuracy; they use a wide range of specialist terms adeptly.

(g)	(ii) Discuss how far sociologists would agree that teenage criminal and deviant behaviour results from parents failing to socialise their children correctly. (12 marks)	AO	Marks
0	No relevant points made.		
1–3	Simple statements about teenagers/families.	AO1	3
	In this band, candidates spell, punctuate and use the rules of grammar poorly; they use a very limited range of specialist terms, perhaps used inaccurately.		
4–6	To reach this band there must be some use/understanding of relevant sociological evidence (eg relating to relevant factors such as income, neighbourhood, family structure, school), concepts (eg peer groups, status frustration, socialisation) and/or ideas (eg moral panic, self fulfilling prophecy), though focus may not be consistent and the quality/range of the material may be limited. There will be no response to 'how far'.	AO1 AO2	1 2
	In this band, candidates spell, punctuate and use the rules of grammar with some accuracy; they use a limited range of specialist terms appropriately.		
7–9	To reach this band there must be evidence of a more developed level of understanding of the relevant sociology (as defined above). There must also be evidence that the candidate recognises 'how far'.	AO2 AO3	2 1
	In this band, candidates spell, punctuate and use the rules of grammar with reasonable accuracy; they use a good range of specialist terms with facility.		
10–1	2 To reach this band there must be evidence of clear understanding shown through developed use of relevant sociological concepts and/or ideas within a well focused discussion that explicitly addresses 'how far' (eg through comparing the significance of socialisation with alternative explanations) in some detail.	AO3	3
	In this band, candidates spell, punctuate and use the rules of grammar with considerable accuracy; they use a wide range of specialist terms adeptly.		

SECTION B

MASS MEDIA Total for this question		n: 20 marks
Overation 0	A	O Marks
Question 2		
(a) From Item C, identify which girls were most likely to	be bullied. (1 mark)	
Those who were overweight or less attractive.	AC	O3 1
(b) From Item D , what percentage of households had accontainternet in 2007?	cess to the (1 mark)	
61%.	AC	O3 1
(c) Identify two ways in which audiences use the mass m	edia.(2 mari	
1 mark for each of two identifications of an approp eg entertainment, information, to explore their identity.	riate way, A0	O1 2
(d) Explain what sociologists mean by the mass media.	(4 marks)	
1 mark for basic statements about the mass media. 2–3 marks for a partial explanation relating to the idea communication or to the definition of media.		O1 1 O1 2
4 marks for a clear explanation that relates to mass com with credit given for appropriate examples. Candidates m agenda setting, party political image, issues of ownership a	ay refer to	O1 1
(e) Describe one way in which the mass media might infoutcome of a general election and explain why this problem in a democracy.		
1 mark for a partial description.2 marks for an appropriate description, eg referring to agenda, influencing party image, influencing turnout.Plus	A0 setting the A0	O1 1 O2 1
1–2 marks for explanation through reference to the influence on the expression of the will of the people.	ce this has A	O2 2
3 marks for clear explanation explicitly relating to why this problem.	might be a A0	O2 1

(f) Describe one way in which the internet could be used by interest groups in a democracy and explain why it might empower those who are able to use it. (5 marks)	AO	Marks
1 mark for a partial description. 2 marks for an appropriate description, eg used to contact members, used for organisational purposes as a means of action, as a means of organising action. Plus	AO1 AO2	1 1
1–2 marks for explanation through reference to ways in which use of the internet enables individual to exercise influence.	AO2	2
3 marks for clear explanation explicitly relating use of the internet to democracy.	AO2	1

Discuss how far sociologists would agree that the image of

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women presented by the mass media tends to be stereotypical rather than realistic. (12 marks) 0 No relevant points made. 1-3 Basic statements about the media and/or women. AO1 3 In this band, candidates spell, punctuate and use the rules of grammar poorly; they use a very limited range of specialist terms, perhaps used inaccurately. To reach this band there must be some use/understanding of AO1 relevant sociological evidence (eg relating to the image(s) of AO2 2 women presented by the mass media, to the reality of women in British society today), concepts (eg mass media, stereotype) and/or ideas (eg sexism), though focus may not be consistent and the quality/range of the material may be limited. There will be no response to 'how far'. In this band, candidates spell, punctuate and use the rules of grammar with some accuracy; they use a limited range of specialist terms appropriately. 7–9 To reach this band there must be evidence of a more AO2 2 developed level of understanding of the relevant sociology (as AO3 defined above). There must also be evidence that the candidate recognises 'how far'. In this band, candidates spell, punctuate and use the rules of grammar with reasonable accuracy; they use a good range of specialist terms with facility. AO3 3 10-12 To reach this band there must be evidence of clear understanding shown through developed use of relevant sociological concepts and/or ideas within a well focused discussion which explicitly addresses 'how far' (eg by reference to the level of diversity within the images presented, by a comparison between the image(s) and the reality(ies) in some detail. In this band, candidates spell, punctuate and use the rules of grammar with considerable accuracy; they use a wide range of specialist terms adeptly.

(g)	(ii) Discuss how far sociologists would agree that the mass media is a more powerful agent of socialisation than the education system. (12 marks)	АО	Marks
0	No relevant points made.		
1–3	Basic statements about the media/education/socialisation.	AO1	3
	In this band, candidates spell, punctuate and use the rules of grammar poorly; they use a very limited range of specialist terms, perhaps used inaccurately.		
4–6	To reach this band there must be some use/understanding of relevant sociological evidence (eg relating to the incidence/nature of the exposure of sections of society to the media/education system), concepts (eg mass media, socialisation) and/or ideas (eg models of the relationship between medium — audience), though focus may not be consistent and the quality/range of the material may be limited. There will be no response to 'how far'.	AO1 AO2	1 2
	In this band, candidates spell, punctuate and use the rules of grammar with some accuracy; they use a limited range of specialist terms appropriately.	100	0
7–9	To reach this band there must be evidence of a developed, if not clear, understanding of the relevant sociology (as defined above). There must also be evidence that the candidate recognises 'how far'.	AO2 AO3	2 1
	In this band, candidates spell, punctuate and use the rules of grammar with reasonable accuracy; they use a good range of specialist terms with facility.	AO3	3
10–1	2 To reach this band there must be evidence of clear understanding shown through developed use of relevant sociological concepts and/or ideas within a well focused discussion which explicitly addresses 'how far' (eg by comparing the influence of the media with that of the education system, by recognising that the influence of media/education system may vary according to the section of society involved, the nature/extent of exposure) in some detail.		
	In this band, candidates spell, punctuate and use the rules of grammar with considerable accuracy; they use a wide range of specialist terms adeptly.		

 $\ensuremath{\mathbf{NB}}\xspace$ candidates should be given credit for recognising that the question is not limited to children.

POWER Total for this question: 30 marks AO **Marks** Question 3 From Item E, identify what appears to be the purpose of the demonstration. (1 mark) The level of disability benefits (credit disability discrimination). AO3 1 From **Item F**, what percentage of **all** male voters questioned in the survey intend to vote for the Conservative Party? 42%. AO3 1 Identify one advantage and one disadvantage of using (c) means-tested benefits to reduce the number of people in poverty in Britain. (2 marks) 1 mark for an appropriate advantage (eg targets benefits), one for an AO1 2 appropriate disadvantage (eg those in need are less likely to claim). (d) Explain what sociologists mean by power. (4 marks) 1 mark for basic statements about power. AO1 1 2-3 marks for a partial explanation relating to the ability of individuals AO1 2 or groups to make decisions that control the lives of others and/or have control over their own lives. 4 marks for a clear explanation that relates to types of power eq AO1 1 authoritative/coercive. Candidates may refer to examples from contemporary society eg the relationship between employers and employees. Describe **one** way in which the relationship between parents and (e) their children has changed during the last 50 years and explain why that relationship has become more democratic. 1 mark for a partial description. AO1 2 marks for an appropriate description of a change, eg characteristic AO2 1 of contemporary relationship, ie informal/egalitarian. Plus 1-2 marks for explanation through reference to relevant factors, eg 2 AO2 fewer children, changing fashions of childcare, legal changes. 3 marks for clear explanation explicitly relating the changes to AO2 1 democracy within the family.

(f) Describe one way in which young people and the police interact and explain why this interaction may be difficult. (5 marks	AO	Marks
1 mark for a partial description.	AO1	1
2 marks for an appropriate description in terms of social control – police as enforcers of adult authority.	AO2	1
Plus 1–2 marks for explanation through reference to lack of deference,	AO2	2
social and legal ambiguities in the relationships between young people and adults.	AO2	1
3 marks for clear explanation making explicit reference to relationship between the police and young people.		

(g)	(i) Discuss how far sociologists would agree that pressure groups and political parties help to spread power evenly throughout British society. (12 marks)	АО	Marks
0	No relevant points made.		
1–3	Basic statements about power/pressure groups/parties.	AO1	3
	In this band, candidates spell, punctuate and use the rules of grammar poorly; they use a very limited range of specialist terms, perhaps used inaccurately.		
4–6	To reach this band there must be some use/understanding of relevant sociological evidence (eg relating to the opportunities available to individuals, groups, organisations to engage with decision makers; to the distribution of authority/power between decision making institutions; to the distribution of politically significant resources; to factors associated with the distribution of authority/power within pressure groups/political parties), concepts (eg power, authority, democracy, elite) and/or ideas (eg insider/outsider pressure groups), though focus may not be consistent and the quality/range of the material may be limited. There will be no response to 'how far'.	AO1 AO2	1 2
	In this band, candidates spell, punctuate and use the rules of grammar with some accuracy; they use a limited range of specialist terms appropriately.		
7–9	To reach this band there must be evidence of a more developed level of understanding of the relevant sociology (as defined above). There must also be evidence that the candidate recognises 'how far'.	AO2 AO3	2 1
	In this band, candidates spell, punctuate and use the rules of grammar with reasonable accuracy; they use a good range of specialist terms with facility.		
10– 1	12 To reach this band there must be evidence of clear understanding shown through developed use of relevant sociological concepts and/or ideas within a well focused discussion that explicitly addresses 'how far' (eg by relating the distribution of power to the existence/effectiveness of pressure groups/political parties) in some detail.	AO3	3
	In this band, candidates spell, punctuate and use the rules of grammar with considerable accuracy; they use a wide range of specialist terms adeptly.		

Discuss how far sociologists would agree that social class

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remains the most powerful influence on the voting behaviour and political beliefs of a British citizen. (12 marks) 0 No relevant points made. 1-3 Basic statements about political behaviour. AO1 3 In this band, candidates spell, punctuate and use the rules of grammar poorly; they use a very limited range of specialist terms, perhaps used inaccurately. To reach this band there must be some use/understanding of AO1 relevant sociological evidence (eg relating voting behaviour/ AO2 2 party - pressure group membership/activity to relevant factors such as age, income, education, sex, occupation, region, media exposure), concepts (eg class, status) and/or ideas (eg instrumental voting, class dealignment), though focus may not be consistent and the quality/range of the material may be limited. There will be no response to 'how far'. In this band, candidates spell, punctuate and use the rules of grammar with some accuracy; they use a limited range of specialist terms appropriately. To reach this band there must be evidence of a more 7–9 AO2 2 developed level of understanding of the relevant sociology (as AO3 1 There must also be evidence that the defined above). candidate recognises 'how far'. In this band, candidates spell, punctuate and use the rules of grammar with reasonable accuracy; they use a good range of specialist terms with facility. AO3 3 10-12 To reach this band there must be evidence of clear understanding shown through developed use of relevant sociological concepts and/or ideas within a well focused discussion that explicitly addresses 'how far' (eg by comparing the significance of class with that of other influences) in some detail. NB: Candidates must explicitly respond to 'remains' for this band (they must demonstrate an awareness of social and economic change). In this band, candidates spell, punctuate and use the rules of grammar with considerable accuracy; they use a wide range of specialist terms adeptly.

SOCIAL INEQUALITY Total for this question: 30 marks AO **Marks** Question 4 From Item G, what is the trend in the gender pay gap between 1997 (1 mark) Decreasing. AO3 1 From **Item H**, identify how many children are living in poverty in the UK in 2005. (1 mark) 3.6 million. AO3 1 Identify two ways in which governments have attempted to (c) reduce inequalities between men and women in Britain during the last 50 years. 1 mark for each of two identifications of an appropriate attempt, eq AO1 2 equal pay/opportunities/anti-sexism legislation, gender sensitivity training of public servants, the national curriculum, changes in family law. Explain what sociologists mean by social stratification. (4 marks) (d) 1 mark for basic statements about inequality. AO1 2-3 marks for a partial explanation relating eg to society having a AO1 2 layer structure or to the significance of persistent inequality in society. 4 marks for a clear explanation in terms of stratification as a layer AO1 1 structure based on persistent inequality. Credit should be given to candidates who make appropriate reference to a particular form of stratification. Describe one way in which sociologists might allocate an individual to a social class and explain why this method might not be accurate. (5 marks) 1 mark for a partial description. AO1 2 marks for an appropriate description which indicates the nature of AO2 1

the scale.

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1–2 marks for explanation which refers to the fragility of data, lack of

clarity of categories, distortion effect of unconsidered circumstances. 3 marks for clear explanation which makes explicit reference to the

(f) Describe one way in which a person can become upwardly socially mobile and explain why this might be difficult to achieve for some social groups in Britain today. (5 marks)	AO	Marks
1 mark for a partial description. 2 marks for an appropriate description indicating the nature of movement on the scale. Plus	AO1 AO2	1 1
1–2 marks for explanation which refers to barriers, eg lack of skill, discrimination, to social mobility.	AO2	2
3 marks for clear explanation explicitly relating the social group to the barrier.	AO2	1

Discuss how far sociologists would agree that ethnic (g) (i) inequality is the most important cause of social division in modern Britain. (12 marks) 0 No relevant points made. AO1 1-3 Basic statements about inequality and/or social differences. 3 In this band, candidates spell, punctuate and use the rules of grammar poorly; they use a very limited range of specialist terms, perhaps used inaccurately. 4–6 To reach this band there must be some use/understanding of AO1 relevant sociological evidence (eg relating to inequalities of AO2 2 income/wealth/prestige/authority/power; separateness/division in housing, political/religious/cultural allegiances), concepts and/or ideas (eg relating to class, status group; to the nature of social division), though focus may not be consistent and the quality/range of the material may be limited. There will be no response to 'how far'. In this band, candidates spell, punctuate and use the rules of grammar with some accuracy; they use a limited range of specialist terms appropriately. 7–9 To reach this band there must be evidence of a more AO2 2 developed level of understanding of the relevant sociology (as AO3 1 defined above). There must also be evidence that the candidate recognises 'how far'. In this band, candidates spell, punctuate and use the rules of grammar with reasonable accuracy; they use a good range of specialist terms with facility. AO3 3 10-12 To reach this band there must be evidence of clear understanding shown through developed use of relevant sociological concepts and/or ideas within a well focused discussion that explicitly addresses 'how far' (by eg comparing the significance of class with at least one other factor which may generate social division) in some detail. In this band, candidates spell, punctuate and use the rules of grammar with considerable accuracy; they use a wide range of specialist terms adeptly.

(g)	(ii) Discuss how far sociologists would agree that children born into poverty will grow up to be poor throughout their lives. (1	АО	Marks
0	No relevant points made.		
1–3	Basic statements about childhood poverty/poverty.	AO1	3
	In this band, candidates spell, punctuate and use the rules of grammar poorly; they use a very limited range of specialist terms, perhaps used inaccurately.		
4–6	To reach this band there must be some use/understanding of relevant sociological evidence (eg relating to reasons for/consequences of lack of resources; to factors influencing access to opportunity; to social mobility), concepts (eg underclass, dependency, poverty, social mobility) and/or ideas (eg culture of poverty, cycle of deprivation, social exclusion), though focus may not be consistent and the quality/range of the material may be limited. There will be no response to 'how far'.	AO1 AO2	1 2
	In this band, candidates spell, punctuate and use the rules of grammar with some accuracy; they use a limited range of specialist terms appropriately.	4.00	0
7–9	To reach this band there must be evidence of a more developed level of understanding of the relevant sociology (as defined above). There must also be evidence that the candidate recognises 'how far'.	AO2 AO3	2 1
	In this band, candidates spell, punctuate and use the rules of grammar with reasonable accuracy; they use a good range of specialist terms with facility.	AO3	3
10–1	12 To reach this band there must be evidence of clear understanding shown through developed use of relevant sociological concepts and/or ideas within a well focused discussion which explicitly addresses 'how far' (eg by reference to the incidence of upward social mobility; to life cycle poverty; to government/government sponsored/voluntary schemes to reduce the numbers in poverty) in some detail.		
	In this band, candidates spell, punctuate and use the rules of grammar with considerable accuracy; they use a wide range of specialist terms adeptly.		

Assessment Objectives Grid – Specimen Paper 2

	Assessment Objectives			
AO1	Recall, select and communicate knowledge and understanding of social structures, processes and issues			
AO2	Apply knowledge and understanding in a range of contexts both familiar and unfamiliar			
AO3	Select, interpret, analyse and evaluate information from different sources			

Candidates answer three questions from a choice of four.

Question	AO1	AO2	AO3	Total Marks
1	12	12	6	30
2	12	12	6	30
3	12	12	6	30
4	12	12	6	30
Total	36	36	18	90

Summary of the Mark Distribution

Questions 1–4	AO1 No of marks (maximum)	AO2 No of marks (maximum)	AO3 No of marks (maximum)	Total Marks
(a)			1	1
(b)			1	1
(c)	2			2
(d)	4			4
(e)	1	4		5
(f)	1	4		5
either (g)	4	4	4	12
or (g) (ii)	4	4	4	12