

NOTICE TO CENTRES

FAO: Head of Sociology

Date: April 2012

Subject: GCSE Sociology

Change of examination paper format for Unit B672 from June 2012

From June 2012 onwards, there will be a change to the layout of the following GCSE Sociology examination paper:

- Unit B672 – Socialisation, Culture and Identity.

The question paper will consist of a combined question paper/answer booklet, where candidates write their answers in the answer booklet on the lines provided after each question.

In most cases, the number of lines allocated to each question gives an indication of the anticipated length of the answer. If a candidate needs to write more than the space allows, there is additional space at the end of the question and the answer booklet. The space at the end of the answer booklet can be used for any question. However, if a candidate uses this additional space, the question number(s) must be clearly shown.

If a candidate uses all the additional space at the end of the question and answer booklet and therefore needs additional paper, it is acceptable to use supplementary answer sheets. The candidate name, candidate number, centre number and question numbers should be clearly written on any supplementary answer sheets. The completed sheets should then be securely attached to the candidate's answer booklet.

Amended versions of the June 2011 examination papers showing the new layout are now available on Interchange (OCR's secure website for teachers and Exams Officers). We suggest that teachers show these versions to candidates or use them for mock examinations in order to familiarise candidates with the new format.

If you have any queries about this notice, please call our Customer Contact Centre on 01223 553998.