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9.00 AM – 12.00 NOON

SOCIOLOGY  
ADVANCED HIGHER

Candidates must answer **three** questions.

Answer **one** question from Section A

and *either*

**one** question from Section B and **one** question from Section C

*or*

**one** question from Section B and **one** question from Section D

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**one** question from Section C and **one** question from Section D.

Each question is worth 30 marks.



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**SECTION A**

**Answer ONE question from this section.**

- A1.** Analyse the ways in which sociologists have attempted to resolve the structure versus action debate and the place of structuration theories within sociology. **30**
- A2.** *Traditional theories and approaches in sociology have been challenged in a number of ways.*  
Choose any **two** “challenges” you have studied and analyse their significance within sociology. **30**
- A3.** Analyse the significance of positivism in the development of sociology and the ways in which it has been challenged. **30**

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## SECTION B

**Answer: either ONE question from this Section and ONE question from Section C or Section D**

**or NO question from this Section and ONE question from Section C and ONE question from Section D.**

- B1.** Evaluate the impact of the study of gender on sociology and provide examples of some of the major contributions to this area of study. **30**
- B2.** Analyse at least **two** theories of race and ethnicity and discuss the development of these theories. **30**
- B3.** *The study of development is an important aspect of sociological study as it can offer insights into past mistakes and help to build a better future.*  
Analyse at least **two** different sociological theories of development and highlight the ways in which the study of development relates to wider themes and issues you have studied. **30**

## SECTION C

**Answer: either ONE question from this Section and ONE question from Section B or Section D**

**or NO question from this Section and ONE question from Section B and ONE question from Section D.**

- C1.** Analyse particular approaches to the sociological study of power and politics and discuss the way they relate to other themes and issues you have studied. **30**
- C2.** Evaluate sociological approaches to the study of organisations and discuss some of the major changes that have taken place in organisations and the ways in which they are studied. Your answer should make reference to **one** other area of social life. **30**
- C3.** *Sociological understanding of religion is no longer necessary.*  
Discuss this statement by analysing at least **two** sociological approaches to religion and the way religion is related to one other area of social life. **30**

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## SECTION D

**Answer: either ONE question from this Section and ONE question from Section B or Section C**

**or NO question from this Section and ONE question from Section B and ONE question from Section C.**

**D1.** *The basis of all good sociological research is a research design and plan.*

Using examples from your own experience of research design and from published sociological studies, explain why this might be the case.

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**D2.** Discuss some of the factors a sociologist would consider when choosing particular methods to carry out their research. Relate your answer to your own experiences **and** use examples from published sociological studies.

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**D3.** Analyse the importance of hypothesis testing in research design and to the whole research process. Use examples from your own research **and** other published sociological research.

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