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9.00 AM – 11.40 AM

SOCIOLOGY
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Candidates must answer **all** questions in Section A and Section B and **one** question from Section C.

Section A is worth 40 marks, and each question in Sections B and C is worth 30 marks.

This gives a total of 100 marks for this question paper.



Section A—Studying Human Society: The Sociological Approach

Marks Code

Answer **all** questions in this Section.

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| A1. Describe two differences between sociological and common sense explanations of human society. | 4 | KU |
| A2. Describe two strengths of functionalism. | 4 | KU |
| A3. Explain one similarity and one difference between feminism and Marxism. | 6 | AE |
| A4. Explain one strength and one weakness of action theories. | 6 | AE |
| A5. Explain two differences between structural and action theories. | 6 | AE |
| A6. <i>Theory</i> and <i>processing of results</i> are two of the steps in the research process. Describe both of these steps. | 4 | KU |
| A7. Describe two advantages of using any method that generates quantitative data. | 4 | KU |
| A8. Explain one advantage and one disadvantage of using participant observation as a research method. | 6 | AE |
| | (40) | |

Section B—Understanding Human Society 1

Marks Code

Answer this question.

B1. Social Class

Explain to what extent *social mobility* is a feature of social class in the UK in the twenty-first century. Use **two** contrasting theories and relevant studies in your answer.

16 KU

14 AE

(30)

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Section C—Understanding Human Society 2

Marks Code

Answer **one** question from C1, C2, C3 or C4.

C1. The Family

There is a debate amongst sociologists about the extent to which conjugal roles are changing.

Analyse the extent to which *conjugal roles* are changing with reference to **two** contrasting theories and relevant studies in your answer.

16 KU
14 AE
(30)

C2. Welfare and Poverty

Some theorists claim that the Welfare State has contributed to the growth of an underclass and a culture of dependency.

Evaluate the relationship between *poverty* and *the Welfare State*. Use **two** contrasting theories and relevant studies in your answer.

16 KU
14 AE
(30)

C3. Crime and Deviance

Evaluate the significance of *labelling* in the study of crime and deviance. Use **two** contrasting theories and relevant studies in your answer.

16 KU
14 AE
(30)

C4. Mass Media

Analyse the ways media may influence the *socialisation* process. Use **two** contrasting theories and relevant studies in your answer.

16 KU
14 AE
(30)

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