

X228/301

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FRIDAY, 10 JUNE
9.00 AM – 11.40 AM

SOCIOLOGY
HIGHER

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 one difference between sociological and common sense explanations of human society. | 2 | KU |
| A2. Describe three features of functionalist theory. | 6 | KU |
| A3. Explain two differences between structural and action theories. | 6 | AE |
| A4. Describe two features of Weberian theory. | 4 | KU |
| A5. Explain two weaknesses of feminist theory. | 6 | AE |
| A6. Describe two disadvantages of using structured interviews. | 4 | KU |
| A7. Explain one advantage and one disadvantage of using official statistics. | 6 | AE |
| A8. Describe the following three steps in the research process. <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Operationalisation• Fieldwork• Theory | 6 | KU |
| | (40) | |

Section B—Understanding Human Society 1

Marks Code

Answer this question.

B1. Social Class

Analyse the extent to which *social closure* exists in UK society. 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

Analyse the extent to which *conjugal roles* have changed in recent years. Use **two** contrasting theories and relevant studies in your answer.

16 KU
14 AE
(30)

C2. Welfare and Poverty

Using **two** contrasting theories and relevant studies, evaluate the link between poverty and *welfare*.

16 KU
14 AE
(30)

C3. Crime and Deviance

Analyse the significance of the use of *statistics* 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

Evaluate the role of mass media in the *socialisation* process. Use **two** contrasting theories and relevant studies in your answer.

16 KU
14 AE
(30)

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