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THURSDAY, 6 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 two differences between sociological and common sense explanations. Use one example of social life to highlight these differences. | 6 | KU |
| A2. Describe two features of Symbolic Interactionism. | 4 | KU |
| A3. Explain two weaknesses of Weberian theory. | 6 | AE |
| A4. Describe two differences between functionalist and feminist theories. | 4 | KU |
| A5. Explain one similarity and one difference between structural and action theories. | 6 | AE |
| A6. Describe one similarity and one difference between Marxism and neo-Marxism. | 4 | KU |
| A7. Hypothesis and operationalisation are two steps in the research process. Describe the way <i>each</i> of these steps work. | 4 | KU |
| A8. Explain one advantage and one disadvantage of using non-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 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

Explain the extent to which **changing patterns of relationships** have impacted on the traditional family in contemporary UK society. Use **two** contrasting theories and relevant studies in your answer.

16 KU
14 AE
(30)

C2. Welfare and Poverty

Some groups are more likely than others to experience poverty.

Evaluate the link between poverty and **gender**. Use **two** contrasting theories and relevant studies in your answer.

16 KU
14 AE
(30)

C3. Crime and Deviance

Evaluate the extent to which **crime statistics** are useful in the sociological 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 continued impact of media on the **socialisation process**. Use **two** contrasting theories and relevant studies in your answer.

16 KU
14 AE
(30)

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