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9.00 AM – 11.00 AM

SOCIOLOGY
INTERMEDIATE 2

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

Sections A and B are worth 25 marks each, and the questions in Section C are each worth 20 marks.

This gives a total of 70 marks for this question paper.



SECTION A—Studying Human Society: The Sociological Approach

Marks Code

Candidates must answer **all** questions in this Section.

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| A1. With reference to one example from any area of social life you have studied describe one difference between common sense and sociological explanations of human social behaviour. | 3 | KU |
| A2. Describe two key features of Feminism. | 4 | KU |
| A3. Describe two strengths of Action Theory. | 4 | KU |
| A4. Explain one similarity and one difference between Marxism and Feminism. | 6 | AE |
| A5. Participant observation is a research method that uses primary sources of data. Describe one key feature of this research method. | 2 | KU |
| A6. Explain one advantage and one disadvantage of using written evidence as a research method. | 6 | AE |
| | (25) | |

Section B—Socialisation

Marks Code

Candidates must answer **all** questions in this Section.

- B1.** Describe what sociologists mean by each of the following terms:
- values
 - social norms.
- 4 KU**
- B2.** Choose **one** social norm and explain the way in which this social norm is different in **two** contrasting cultures.
- 2 KU**
4 AE
- B3.** Choose **two** social roles from UK culture and explain one way in which **each** role is different in a contrasting culture you have studied.
- 6 AE**
- B4.** Describe both sides of the nature versus nurture debate.
- 4 KU**
- B5.** Choose **one** primary agent of socialisation and **one** secondary agent of socialisation. Describe **one** way in which **each** agent of socialisation contributes to the socialisation process.
- 5 KU**
- (25)**

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Section C—Social Stratification

Marks Code

Answer **one** question from **C1–C5**.

C1. Social Class: Analyse how the distribution of wealth and income affects social class and social mobility in the UK.

In your answer you should:

- give an introduction in which you describe the importance of social stratification and **social class**.
- explain and evaluate the link between social class and social mobility.

12 KU

8 AE

C2. Gender: Analyse the link between the biological notion of sex and the socially constructed notion of gender and how this may lead to social inequality.

In your answer you should:

- give an introduction in which you describe the importance of social stratification and **gender**.
- explain and evaluate the link between gender and social inequality.

12 KU

8 AE

C3. Race and Ethnicity: Analyse the role of the mass media in the formation of stereotypes of ethnic groups which could affect social mobility.

In your answer you should:

- give an introduction in which you describe the importance of social stratification and **race and ethnicity**.
- explain and evaluate the link between race and ethnicity and social mobility.

12 KU

8 AE

C4. Age: Analyse the implications of changes in the age structure of modern society and how these could lead to social inequality in the UK.

In your answer you should:

- give an introduction in which you describe the importance of social stratification and **age**.
- explain and evaluate the link between age and social inequality.

12 KU

8 AE

C5. Disability: Analyse how discrimination in education and employment can affect the life chances, leading to social inequality, of disabled people in the UK.

In your answer you should:

- give an introduction in which you describe the importance of social stratification and **disability**.
- explain and evaluate the link between disability and social inequality.

12 KU

8 AE

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