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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. Describe two differences between common sense and sociological explanations of human social behaviour. | 4 | KU |
| A2. Describe two weaknesses of Marxism. | 4 | KU |
| A3. Describe two features of functionalism. | 4 | KU |
| A4. Explain two differences between functionalism and action theory. | 6 | AE |
| A5. Describe two features of a research method which uses primary sources of data. | 4 | KU |
| A6. Explain one advantage of using visual evidence as a research method. | 3 | AE |
| | (25) | |

Section B—Socialisation

Marks Code

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

- B1.** Describe what sociologists mean by the term social roles.
Give **one** example of a social role found in the UK. **3 KU**
- B2.** Explain the way social values are different in **two** contrasting cultures you have studied. **6 AE**
- B3.** Describe the contribution to the socialisation process of any **three** agents of secondary socialisation. **6 KU**
- B4.** Explain **two** ways in which the family can help to maintain social order. **6 AE**
- B5.** The nature versus nurture debate is important in Sociology.
Describe **two** features of the **nurture** side of the debate. **4 KU**
- (25)**

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Section C—Social Stratification

Marks Code

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

C1. Social Class: Analyse the changing nature of social class and the way in which this affects social inequality in the UK.

In your answer you should:

- describe social stratification 6 KU
- describe social class 6 KU
- explain and evaluate the link between social class and social inequality. 8 AE

C2. Gender: Analyse the link between gender inequalities and the way in which these may affect social mobility in the UK.

In your answer you should:

- describe social stratification 6 KU
- describe gender 6 KU
- explain and evaluate the link between gender and social mobility. 8 AE

C3. Race and Ethnicity: Analyse the link between different racial and ethnic groups and social inequality in the UK.

In your answer you should:

- describe social stratification 6 KU
- describe race and ethnicity 6 KU
- explain and evaluate the link between race and ethnicity and social inequality. 8 AE

C4. Age: Analyse the way in which age is socially constructed and explain the effects of this on social mobility for some people in the UK.

In your answer you should:

- describe social stratification 6 KU
- describe age 6 KU
- explain and evaluate the link between age and social mobility. 8 AE

C5. Disability: Analyse the ways in which disability can affect the life chances of some people in the UK.

In your answer you should:

- describe social stratification 6 KU
- describe disability 6 KU
- explain and evaluate the link between disability and social inequality. 8 AE

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