

# X228/201

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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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| <b>A1.</b> Describe <b>two</b> features of action theory.  | <b>4</b>    | <b>KU</b> |
| <b>A2.</b> Describe <b>two</b> strengths of feminism.  | <b>4</b>    | <b>KU</b> |
| <b>A3.</b> Explain <b>two</b> differences between Marxism and functionalism.   | <b>6</b>    | <b>AE</b> |
| <b>A4.</b> Structured interviews <b>and</b> non-participant observation are research methods. Describe <b>two</b> features of <i>each</i> of these research methods. | <b>8</b>    | <b>KU</b> |
| <b>A5.</b> Explain <b>one</b> advantage of a secondary method of research you have studied.  | <b>3</b>    | <b>AE</b> |
|  | <b>(25)</b> |           |

## Section B—Socialisation

Marks Code

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

- B1.** What do sociologists mean by social norms?  
Give **one** example of a social norm found in the UK. 3 KU
- B2.** Choose **one** social role you have studied. Explain the way in which this social role is different in **two** *contrasting* cultures. 6 AE
- B3.** Describe the process of secondary socialisation. 2 KU
- B4.** Peer groups and media are **two** secondary agents of socialisation. Describe the contribution of *each* to the socialisation process. 4 KU
- B5.** Explain **two** ways in which education helps to maintain social order. 6 AE
- B6.** Describe **two** features of the **nature** side of the nature versus nurture 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 link between social class and inequalities on life chances 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 inequalities on life chances in the UK. 8 AE

**C2. Gender:** Analyse the link between gender roles and inequalities in the UK.

In your answer you should:

- describe social stratification 6 KU
- describe gender 6 KU
- explain and evaluate the link between gender roles and inequalities in the UK. 8 AE

**C3. Race and Ethnicity:** Analyse the links between race and ethnicity and life chances 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 life chances in the UK. 8 AE

**C4. Age:** Analyse the link between age and poverty in the UK.

In your answer you should:

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

**C5. Disability:** Analyse the social construction of disability and the way this can contribute to social inequality for some individuals.

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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