

# X228/201

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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> differences between common sense and sociological explanations of human social behaviour.        | <b>4</b>    | <b>KU</b> |
| <b>A2.</b> Describe <b>two</b> features of functionalism.   | <b>4</b>    | <b>KU</b> |
| <b>A3.</b> Explain <b>one</b> strength of Marxism.  | <b>3</b>    | <b>AE</b> |
| <b>A4.</b> Describe <b>two</b> differences between feminism and action theory.  | <b>4</b>    | <b>KU</b> |
| <b>A5.</b> Surveys and case studies are research methods. Describe <b>one</b> feature of <b>each</b> of these research methods. | <b>4</b>    | <b>KU</b> |
| <b>A6.</b> Explain <b>one</b> advantage and <b>one</b> disadvantage of the use of official statistics as a research method.     | <b>6</b>    | <b>AE</b> |
|   | <b>(25)</b> |           |

## Section B—Socialisation

Marks Code

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

- B1.** Describe what sociologists mean by *culture*. 2 KU
- B2.** Describe what sociologists mean by the term *values*. 2 KU
- B3.** Choose **one** social norm you have studied. Explain the way in which this social norm is different in **two** *contrasting* cultures. 6 AE
- B4.** Describe the processes of primary socialisation and secondary socialisation. 4 KU
- B5.** Agents of socialisation include:
- Family
  - Education
  - Peer Groups
  - Religion
  - Work
  - Media.
- Describe the way in which any **two** of *these* agents contribute to the process of socialisation. 4 KU
- B6.** Explain **one** way in which socialisation contributes to social order. 3 AE
- B7.** Briefly describe 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 social mobility in the UK.

In your answer you should:

- describe social stratification 6 KU
- describe social class and social mobility 6 KU
- explain and evaluate the link between social class, social mobility and life chances. 8 AE

**C2. Gender:** Analyse the effect of gender roles on social mobility in the UK.

In your answer you should:

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

**C3. Race and Ethnicity:** Analyse the effects of discrimination on the social mobility of racial and ethnic groups in the UK.

In your answer you should:

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

**C4. Age:** Analyse the effects of notions of childhood, adolescence and old age on the life chances of individuals in the UK.

In your answer you should:

- describe social stratification 6 KU
- describe age 6 KU
- explain and evaluate the link between the social construction of age, social inequality and life chances in the UK. 8 AE

**C5. Disability:** Analyse the consequences of negative stereotypes on the life chances of people with disabilities in the UK.

In your answer you should:

- describe social stratification 6 KU
- describe disability and the role of the media 6 KU
- explain and evaluate the link between disability, negative stereotypes and life chances. 8 AE

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