



GCE A LEVEL



A200U10-1

MONDAY, 19 MAY 2025 – MORNING

SOCIOLOGY – A level component 1

Socialisation and Culture

**2 hours 30 minutes plus your additional
time allowance**

ADDITIONAL MATERIALS

A WJEC pink 16-page answer booklet.

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

Use black ink, black ball-point pen or your usual method.

Answer Section A.

Answer ONE option from Section B and ONE option from Section C.

Write your answers in the separate answer booklet provided, following the instructions on the front of the answer booklet.

Use both sides of the paper. Write only within the white areas of the booklet.

(Turn over)

Write the question number in the left-hand margin at the start of each answer.

Leave at least two line spaces between each answer.

INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES

The total mark available is 120.

The number of marks is given in brackets at the end of each question or part-question.

You are advised to divide your time accordingly.

(Turn over)

Answer Section A, ONE option from Section B and ONE option from Section C.

SECTION A

COMPULSORY QUESTION

Read the item and answer the following questions.

Culture is central to all societies and includes norms, values, traditions, beliefs and customs. Culture changes over time as norms and values change, and some things that were once thought to be important are no longer seen that way. What society thinks is important dictates what is regarded as acceptable behaviour.

- 11. With reference to the item and sociological knowledge, explain the meaning of the term values.**

**[5 marks]
(Turn over)**

- 12. Using the item and sociological knowledge, explain how individuals learn expected ways of behaving.
[15 marks]**

SECTION B

Choose ONE of the following options.

OPTION 1 FAMILIES AND HOUSEHOLDS

COMPULSORY QUESTION

- 21. There has been an increase in the number of people living alone in contemporary UK society. Using sociological evidence and examples, explain reasons for this. [15 marks]**

EITHER,

- 22. Evaluate the view that families can have a negative effect on individuals. [35 marks]**

OR,

- 23. Discuss sociological views of the diversity of family types in UK society. [35 marks]**
- (Turn over)**

OPTION 2 YOUTH CULTURES

COMPULSORY QUESTION

- 31. Some boys join youth subcultures. Using sociological evidence and examples, explain reasons for this.**
[15 marks]

EITHER,

- 32. Evaluate interactionist explanations of the relationship between youth subcultures and deviance.**
[35 marks]

OR,

- 33. Discuss the view that spectacular youth cultures no longer exist.**
[35 marks]

(Turn over)

SECTION C

Choose ONE of the following options.

OPTION 1 EDUCATION

COMPULSORY QUESTION

- 41. Using sociological evidence and examples, explain sociological views of the role of education. [15 marks]**

EITHER,

- 42. Discuss sociological explanations for gender differences in educational attainment. [35 marks]**

OR,

- 43. Assess the impact of poverty on equality of opportunity in education. [35 marks]**

(Turn over)

OPTION 2 MEDIA

COMPULSORY QUESTION

- 51. Using sociological evidence and examples, explain how minority groups are represented in the media. [15 marks]**

EITHER,

- 52. Discuss the view that representations of females are based on outdated stereotypes. [35 marks]**

OR,

- 53. Assess the view that the media is controlled by rich and powerful monopolies. [35 marks]**

(Turn over)

OPTION 3 RELIGION

COMPULSORY QUESTION

- 61. Using sociological evidence and examples, explain reasons for the decline in belief and faith in younger age groups. [15 marks]**

EITHER,

- 62. Discuss sociological explanations for the relationship between ethnicity and religion. [35 marks]**

OR,

- 63. Assess the view that religion plays an important role in contemporary UK society. [35 marks]**

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