



GCE A LEVEL



A200U30-1

FRIDAY, 13 JUNE 2025 – AFTERNOON

SOCIOLOGY – A level component 3

Power and Stratification

**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.

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

Answer ONE option from Section B.

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 and ONE option from Section B.

SECTION A

COMPULSORY QUESTION

- 11. Social class inequalities exist in the contemporary UK. Identify TWO areas of social life where these might be found. Illustrate your answer with reference to supporting evidence for each area identified. [20 marks]**

EITHER,

- 12. Assess New Right explanations of social inequalities in the contemporary UK. [40 marks]**

(Turn over)

OR,

- 13. Discuss the view that class, status and power are major sources of social inequalities in the contemporary UK. [40 marks]**

(Turn over)

SECTION B

Answer ONE of the following options.

OPTION 1 CRIME AND DEVIANCE

COMPULSORY QUESTION

- 21. Explain why some sociologists argue that institutional racism is a major factor in the treatment of different ethnic groups by the police. Illustrate your answer with sociological evidence. [20 marks]**

EITHER,

- 22. Assess sociological explanations of the relationship between gender and crime and deviance. [40 marks]**

(Turn over)

OR,

- 23. Discuss the view that criminal and deviant behaviours are functional for society. [40 marks]**

(Turn over)

OPTION 2 HEALTH AND DISABILITY

COMPULSORY QUESTION

- 31. Explain why some sociologists suggest that inequalities of health and illness are linked to ethnicity. Illustrate your answer with sociological evidence. [20 marks]**

EITHER,

- 32. Assess material factors as an explanation of health inequalities. [40 marks]**

OR,

- 33. Discuss the view that health and illness are socially constructed. [40 marks]**

(Turn over)

OPTION 3 POWER AND POLITICS

COMPULSORY QUESTION

- 41. Explain why some sociologists suggest that pressure groups are an important part of a democracy. Illustrate your answer with sociological evidence. [20 marks]**

EITHER,

- 42. Assess Marxist explanations of power in the contemporary UK. [40 marks]**

OR,

- 43. Discuss the role of new social movements in the contemporary UK. [40 marks]**

(Turn over)

OPTION 4 WORLD SOCIOLOGY

COMPULSORY QUESTION

- 51. Explain why some sociologists argue that health inequalities in less economically developed countries (LEDs) are linked to gender. Illustrate your answer with sociological evidence. [20 marks]**

EITHER,

- 52. Assess Marxist explanations for some countries being less economically developed than others. [40 marks]**

(Turn over)

OR,

53. Discuss the view that transnational corporations play a major role in global development. [40 marks]

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