



GCSE



C200U10-1

FRIDAY, 9 MAY 2025 – MORNING

SOCIOLOGY – Component 1

Understanding Social Processes

1 hour 45 minutes plus your additional time allowance

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Question	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded
1.	4	
2.	9	
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4.	29	
5.	30	
6.	18	
Total	100	

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

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

Write your name, centre number and candidate number in the spaces provided on the front cover.

Answer ALL questions.

Write your answers in the spaces provided in this booklet. If you run out of space, use the additional page(s) at the back of the booklet, taking care to number the question(s) correctly.

INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES

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

Credit will be given for the use of sociological concepts, theories and evidence.

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Answer ALL questions.

- 1. Select the appropriate term from the box to complete the sentences below.**

Becky Francis

Interactionist

Pilot study

Meritocracy

Paul Willis

Subculture

- (a)** _____
refers to a trial run before the full research.

[1 mark]

- (b)** _____
refers to a system where people are rewarded for their ability and hard work. [1 mark]

(Turn over)

- 1 (c) _____
argues that boys dominate the classroom and
attract more attention from teachers. [1 mark]
- (d) _____
refers to a group within society with its own
norms and values. [1 mark]

2. Study the item below and answer the questions that follow.

The MEDIA is an important agent of socialisation. Children often start watching television and reading books at a young age. The media may have a strong influence on children's identities, influencing the way they think and the way they see the world around them.

- (a) Describe what is meant by the MEDIA. [2 marks]

2 (b) Identify ONE example of the media in the item on page 5. [1 mark]

2 (c) Explain ONE way the media may influence ethnic identities. [2 marks]

2 (d) Describe TWO ways one agent of socialisation, other than the media, may influence ethnic identities. [4 marks]

[illegible]

(Turn over)

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3. Study the item below and answer the questions that follow.

All societies develop some form of **SOCIAL CONTROL**. Members are socialised into the way of life of their society. For those who do not follow the rules, sanctions may be used. These could range from informal methods of social control used by families to more formal methods of social control used by police.

- (a) Describe what is meant by **SOCIAL CONTROL**.

[2 marks]

(Turn over)

3 (b) Explain TWO reasons why social control is important for society. [4 marks]

(Turn over)

3 (c) Explain, with examples, the difference between formal and informal social control. [4 marks]

[illegible]

(Turn over)

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4 (a) Describe what is meant by RECONSTITUTED FAMILIES. [2 marks]

4 (b) Explain why Feminists argue that families benefit men. [4 marks]

[illegible]

(Turn over)

4 (c) Explain reasons for the increase in different family forms in the contemporary UK. [8 marks]

You should explore at least TWO reasons in your response.

[illegible]

(Turn over)

4 (d) 'The traditional nuclear family is still the most desirable family type.'

Discuss this view. [15 marks]

In your answer you are advised to consider different sociological ideas and theories to support your discussion.

5 (a) Explain ONE way labelling pupils can affect achievement in education. [2 marks]

5 (b) Describe the Functionalist view that schools reward ability and hard work. [5 marks]

[illegible]

(Turn over)

5 (c) Explain why it may be argued that schools are patriarchal. [8 marks]

You should explore at least TWO reasons in your response.

[illegible]

(Turn over)

**5 (d) ‘Factors inside schools have the most important influence on children’s achievement in education.’
Discuss this view. [15 marks]**

In your answer you are advised to refer to factors inside schools and any other relevant factors to support your discussion.

6. Study the item below and answer the questions that follow.

A recent sociological study looked at teenagers' attitudes to healthy eating and exercise. The researchers used questionnaires to collect their information. They also used a **RANDOM SAMPLING** technique for the study.

- (a) Describe what is meant by **RANDOM SAMPLING**.

[2 marks]

(Turn over)

[illegible]

(Turn over)

6 (c) Discuss the strengths and weaknesses of using qualitative methods in sociological research.

[12 marks]

You should explore strengths AND weaknesses in your discussion.

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