



GCE A LEVEL – NEW



A200U30-1

SOCIOLOGY – A level component 3

Power and Stratification

TUESDAY, 20 JUNE 2017 – AFTERNOON

2 hours 30 minutes plus your additional time allowance

ADDITIONAL MATERIALS

A WJEC pink 16-page answer booklet.

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

Answer Section A.

Answer ONE question from Section B.

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

Write your answers in the separate answer booklet provided.

INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES

Section A carries 60 marks.

Section B carries 60 marks.

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.

Answer Section A, and ONE option from Section B.

SECTION A

COMPULSORY QUESTION

- 1(a) Identify evidence of gender inequalities in two areas of social life in the contemporary UK. Illustrate your answer with reference to supporting evidence for each area identified. [20]**

EITHER,

- (b) Evaluate the contribution of Marxist explanations to an understanding of social inequalities. [40]**

OR,

- (c) Discuss sociological explanations of the relationship between ethnicity and social inequalities. [40]**

SECTION B

Answer ONE of the following options.

OPTION 1 CRIME AND DEVIANCE

COMPULSORY QUESTION

- 2(a) Explain why some sociologists argue that the media amplifies deviance. [20]**

EITHER,

- (b) Evaluate the contribution of feminist explanations to an understanding of crime and deviance. [40]**

OR,

- (c) Assess the view that official crime statistics do not reflect the extent of white-collar and corporate crime. [40]**

OPTION 2 HEALTH AND DISABILITY

COMPULSORY QUESTION

- 3(a) Explain why some sociologists argue that people with impairments are disabled by society. [20]**

EITHER,

- (b) Evaluate the contribution of functionalist explanations to an understanding of health and illness. [40]**

OR,

- (c) Assess the view that social class is the main cause of inequalities in morbidity and mortality. [40]**

OPTION 3 POWER AND POLITICS

COMPULSORY QUESTION

- 4(a) Explain why some sociologists argue that the electorate has become disillusioned with party politics. [20]**

EITHER,

- (b) Evaluate sociological explanations of the growth of new social movements. [40]**

OR,

- (c) Assess the view that political power is widely distributed in the contemporary UK. [40]**

OPTION 4 WORLD SOCIOLOGY

COMPULSORY QUESTION

- 5(a) Explain why some sociologists argue that foreign aid does not reduce poverty in developing countries. [20]**

EITHER,

- (b) Evaluate the contribution of dependency theory to an understanding of development. [40]**

OR,

- (c) Assess the view that globalisation has made a major impact in the contemporary world. [40]**

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