

# X228/301

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9.00 AM – 11.40 AM

SOCIOLOGY  
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Candidates must answer **all** questions in Section A and Section B and **one** question from Section C.

Section A is worth 40 marks, and each question in Sections B and C is worth 30 marks.

This gives a total of 100 marks for this question paper.



## Section A—Studying Human Society: The Sociological Approach

Marks Code

Answer **all** questions in this Section.

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| <b>A1.</b> Describe <b>two</b> differences between sociological and common sense explanations of human society.                              | <b>4</b>    | <b>KU</b> |
| <b>A2.</b> Describe <b>two</b> strengths of functionalism.   | <b>4</b>    | <b>KU</b> |
| <b>A3.</b> Explain <b>one</b> similarity and <b>one</b> difference between feminism and Marxism.   | <b>6</b>    | <b>AE</b> |
| <b>A4.</b> Explain <b>one</b> strength and <b>one</b> weakness of action theories.   | <b>6</b>    | <b>AE</b> |
| <b>A5.</b> Explain <b>two</b> differences between structural and action theories.  | <b>6</b>    | <b>AE</b> |
| <b>A6.</b> <i>Theory</i> and <i>processing of results</i> are two of the steps in the research process. Describe <b>both</b> of these steps. | <b>4</b>    | <b>KU</b> |
| <b>A7.</b> Describe <b>two</b> advantages of using any method that generates quantitative data.  | <b>4</b>    | <b>KU</b> |
| <b>A8.</b> Explain <b>one</b> advantage and <b>one</b> disadvantage of using participant observation as a research method.                   | <b>6</b>    | <b>AE</b> |
|  | <b>(40)</b> |           |

**Section B—Understanding Human Society 1**

*Marks Code*

Answer this question.

**B1. Social Class**

Explain to what extent *social mobility* is a feature of social class in the UK in the twenty-first century. Use **two** contrasting theories and relevant studies in your answer.

**16 KU**

**14 AE**

**(30)**

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## Section C—Understanding Human Society 2

Marks Code

Answer **one** question from C1, C2, C3 or C4.

### C1. The Family

There is a debate amongst sociologists about the extent to which conjugal roles are changing.

Analyse the extent to which *conjugal roles* are changing with reference to **two** contrasting theories and relevant studies in your answer.

16 KU  
14 AE  
(30)

### C2. Welfare and Poverty

Some theorists claim that the Welfare State has contributed to the growth of an underclass and a culture of dependency.

Evaluate the relationship between *poverty* and *the Welfare State*. Use **two** contrasting theories and relevant studies in your answer.

16 KU  
14 AE  
(30)

### C3. Crime and Deviance

Evaluate the significance of *labelling* in the study of crime and deviance. Use **two** contrasting theories and relevant studies in your answer.

16 KU  
14 AE  
(30)

### C4. Mass Media

Analyse the ways media may influence the *socialisation* process. Use **two** contrasting theories and relevant studies in your answer.

16 KU  
14 AE  
(30)

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