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NATIONAL
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WEDNESDAY, 3 JUNE
1.00 PM – 3.40 PM

SOCIOLOGY
HIGHER

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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| A1. Describe three differences between sociological and common sense explanations of human social behaviour. | 6 | KU |
| A2. Describe two features of Weberian theory. | 4 | KU |
| A3. Describe two features of functionalism. | 4 | KU |
| A4. Explain one strength and one weakness of feminist explanations of society. | 6 | AE |
| A5. Explain one similarity and one difference between conflict and consensus theories. | 6 | AE |
| A6. Describe two features of participant observation. | 4 | KU |
| A7. Explain two disadvantages of using unstructured interviews as a research method. | 6 | AE |
| A8. Describe the hypothesis and fieldwork steps in the research process. | 4 | KU |
| | (40) | |

Section B—Understanding Human Society 1

Marks Code

Answer this question.

B1. Social Class

Analyse the extent to which *social closure* exists in UK society.

16 KU

Use **two** contrasting theories and relevant studies in your answer.

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

Analyse the extent to which *conjugal roles* have changed in recent years. 16 KU
Use **two** contrasting theories and relevant studies in your answer. 14 AE
(30)

C2. Welfare and Poverty

Analyse the extent to which poverty is linked to *gender*. Use **two** 16 KU
contrasting theories and relevant studies, evaluate the link. 14 AE
(30)

C3. Crime and Deviance

Analyse the significance of *gender* to the study of crime and deviance. Use 16 KU
two contrasting theories and relevant studies in your answer. 14 AE
(30)

C4. Mass Media

Analyse the extent to which *ownership and control* is an important aspect 16 KU
of the media. Use **two** contrasting theories and relevant studies in your 14 AE
answer. (30)

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