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**Sociology**

TUESDAY, 31 MAY  
9:00 AM – 11:00 AM

**Total marks — 60**

**SECTION 1 — HUMAN SOCIETY — 20 marks**

Attempt ALL questions.

**SECTION 2 — CULTURE AND IDENTITY — 20 marks**

Attempt ALL questions.

**SECTION 3 — SOCIAL ISSUES — 20 marks**

Attempt the question.

Write your answers clearly in the answer booklet provided. In the answer booklet you must clearly identify the question number you are attempting.

Use **blue** or **black** ink.

Before leaving the examination room you must give your answer booklet to the Invigilator; if you do not, you may lose all the marks for this paper.



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## SECTION 1 — HUMAN SOCIETY — 20 marks

Read the following scenario and attempt ALL parts of the question

Extract: Scottish Qualifications Authority Higher Entries by Gender 2014

SUBJECT	PERCENTAGE OF CANDIDATES	
	% MALE	% FEMALE
Biology	36	64
Early Education and Childcare	4	96
Home Economics: Health and Food Technology	10	90
Physics	72	28
Technological Studies	93	7

A sociologist uses the table above to research gender in education.

1. (a) Explain **one** advantage and **one** disadvantage of using this research method. 6
- (b) Suggest a possible hypothesis for this research. 2
- (c) In what ways could the sociologist use feminist theory to analyse the information in the table? 6
  
2. Explain **one** strength and **one** weakness of feminist theory. 6

## SECTION 2 — CULTURE AND IDENTITY — 20 marks

Attempt ALL questions

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| 3. Using symbolic interactionist theory, explain ways in which a sense of identity can be formed.                             | 6 |
| 4. Explain the influence of secondary socialisation on gender identity.   | 5 |
| 5. (a) Describe two findings of a research study on culture and identity.   | 4 |
| (b) Explain the ways in which this research study has contributed to your sociological understanding of culture and identity. | 5 |

[Turn over for next question]

## SECTION 3 — SOCIAL ISSUES — 20 marks

Attempt ALL questions

6. Analyse the extent to which there is socio-economic inequality in the UK today. 20

In your answer you must:

- use **two** contrasting sociological theories, one of which must be functionalism
- use Blanden and Machin's 2008 study "Up and Down the Income Ladder in Britain."
- link the theories to the study.

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