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9.00 AM – 11.00 AM

SOCIOLOGY
INTERMEDIATE 2

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

Sections A and B are worth 25 marks each, and the questions in Section C are each worth 20 marks.

This gives a total of 70 marks for this question paper.



Section A—Studying Human Society: The Sociological Approach

Marks Code

Candidates must answer **all** questions in this Section.

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| A1. Describe two differences between common sense and sociological explanations of human social behaviour. | 4 | KU |
| A2. Explain one similarity between functionalism and Marxism. | 3 | AE |
| A3. Describe two features of feminism. | 4 | KU |
| A4. Describe two features of Action theory. | 4 | KU |
| A5. Describe two features of structured interviews. | 4 | KU |
| A6. Explain one advantage and one disadvantage of using official statistics in sociological research. | 6 | AE |
| | (25) | |

Section B—Socialisation

Marks Code

Candidates must answer **all** questions in this Section.

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| B1. Describe what sociologists mean by the term values. Give one example of a value found in the UK. | 3 | KU |
| B2. Choose one social norm and explain the way in which this social norm is different in two contrasting cultures. | 6 | AE |
| B3. Describe both sides of the nature versus nurture debate. | 4 | KU |
| B4. Explain two ways in which socialisation contributes to social order. | 6 | AE |
| B5. Describe the ways in which Peer Groups, Religion and Work contribute to the process of socialisation. | 6 | KU |
| | (25) | |

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Section C—Social Stratification

Marks Code

Answer **one** question from **C1–C5**.

C1. Social Class: Analyse the changing nature of social class and the way in which this affects social inequality in the UK.

In your answer you should:

- describe social stratification 6 KU
- describe social class 6 KU
- explain and evaluate the link between social class and social inequality in the UK. 8 AE

C2. Gender: Analyse the link between gender inequalities and the way in which they affect social mobility in the UK.

In your answer you should:

- describe social stratification 6 KU
- describe gender 6 KU
- explain and evaluate the link between gender and social mobility in the UK. 8 AE

C3. Race and Ethnicity: Analyse the role of the media in forming stereotypes of ethnic groups and the way this could affect social mobility in the UK.

In your answer you should:

- describe social stratification 6 KU
- describe race and ethnicity 6 KU
- explain and evaluate the link between race and ethnicity and social mobility. 8 AE

C4. Age: Analyse the implications of changes in the age structure of modern society and how they could lead to social inequality in the UK.

In your answer you should:

- describe social stratification 6 KU
- describe age 6 KU
- explain and evaluate the link between age and social inequality in the UK. 8 AE

C5. Disability: Analyse the social construction of disability and the way this can contribute to social inequality for some individuals in the UK.

In your answer you should:

- describe social stratification 6 KU
- describe disability 6 KU
- explain and evaluate the link between disability and social inequality. 8 AE

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