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WEDNESDAY, 4 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 two distinctions between sociological and common-sense explanations of human behaviour. Choose one example of social life and provide both a sociological and common-sense explanation of it. | 6 | KU |
| A2. Describe two features of symbolic interactionism. | 4 | KU |
| A3. Describe two strengths and one weakness of feminism. | 6 | KU |
| A4. Explain one similarity and one difference between feminism and Marxism. | 6 | AE |
| A5. Explain one advantage and one disadvantage of using structured interviews as a research method. | 6 | AE |
| A6. Describe any three steps in the research process. | 6 | KU |
| A7. Explain one advantage and one disadvantage of using official statistics in sociological research. | 6 | AE |
| | (40) | |

Section B—Understanding Human Society 1

Marks Code

Answer this question.

B1. Education

Explain the relationship between educational achievement and class in Britain today. 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

Analyse the impact of marital breakdown on the family in recent years.

16 KU

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

14 AE

(30)

C2. Welfare and Poverty

Using **two** contrasting theories and relevant studies, evaluate the argument that poverty is linked to class.

16 KU

14 AE

(30)

C3. Crime and Deviance

To what extent does labelling provide an explanation of the causes of crime and deviance. Use **two** contrasting theories and relevant studies in your answer.

16 KU

14 AE

(30)

C4. Mass Media

Evaluate the role of mass media in attitude formation. Use **two** contrasting theories and relevant studies in your answer.

16 KU

14 AE

(30)

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