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

**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** contrasting theories and relevant studies, evaluate the link.

16 KU

14 AE

(30)

### C3. Crime and Deviance

Analyse the significance of *gender* to 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 extent to which *ownership and control* is an important aspect of the media. Use **two** contrasting theories and relevant studies in your answer.

16 KU

14 AE

(30)

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