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National Qualifications

2025

Sociology

Monday, 12 May

Instructions to Candidates

Candidates should enter their surname, forename(s), date of birth, Scottish candidate number and the name and level of the subject at the top of their first answer sheet.

Total marks – 80

SECTION 1 — HUMAN SOCIETY — 30 marks

Attempt ALL questions

SECTION 2 — CULTURE AND IDENTITY — 25 marks

Attempt ALL questions

SECTION 3 — SOCIAL ISSUES — 25 marks

Attempt ALL questions

You must clearly identify the question number you are attempting on your answer sheet.

Marks are shown in square brackets at the end of each question or part question.

An ow in the margin indicates a new question.

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SECTION 1 — HUMAN SOCIETY — 30 marks

Attempt ALL questions

- ow 1. Describe two features of feminism. [4 marks]
- ow 2. Explain two differences between structural and action theories. [6 marks]
- ow 3. Explain one strength and one weakness of Weberism. [6 marks]
- ow 4. A sociologist wants to carry out research into links between the media and attitudes towards immigration. As part of their research, the sociologist selects eight people to discuss immigration together, responding to a series of headlines and images from the media shown to them. This is repeated several times in different places with other participants. The discussions are filmed for later analysis.
- (a) Evaluate the research method. You must refer to the scenario in your answer. [6 marks]
- (b) Suggest a suitable hypothesis for this research. [2 marks]
- ow 5. Explain two advantages of using official statistics as a research method. [6 marks]

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SECTION 2 — CULTURE AND IDENTITY — 25 marks

Attempt ALL questions

- ow 6. Using two sociological theories, analyse the relationship between gender and culture.
- At least one theory must be an action theory. [14 marks]
- ow 7. Choose any sociological study on culture and identity and answer the questions below:
- (a) Describe one finding of the study. [2 marks]
- (b) Evaluate the study. [6 marks]
- (c) Explain one way in which this research study has contributed to your understanding of culture and identity. [3 marks]

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SECTION 3 — SOCIAL ISSUES — 25 marks

Attempt the question

ow 8. Analyse to what extent social mobility is possible.

In your answer you must:

- use two contrasting theories
- use a sociological study of your choice
- link your study to your theories. [25 marks]

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