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Sociology

WEDNESDAY, 20 MAY

1:00 PM – 3:40 PM

Total marks — 80

SECTION 1 — HUMAN SOCIETY — 30 marks

Attempt ALL questions.

SECTION 2 — CULTURE AND IDENTITY — 25 marks

Attempt the question.

SECTION 3 — SOCIAL ISSUES — 25 marks

Attempt ALL questions.

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.

You must leave your answer booklet on your desk; if you do not, you could lose all the marks for this paper.



SECTION 1 — HUMAN SOCIETY — 30 marks

Attempt ALL questions

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| 1. Explain one strength and one weakness of functionalism. | 6 |
| 2. Explain what Marxists mean when they describe society as based on social class. | 6 |
| 3. Describe two features of Weberism. | 4 |
| 4. Describe any two substages of the operationalisation part of the research process. | 4 |
| 5. Evaluate questionnaires as a research method. | 6 |
| 6. Describe two features of case studies as a research method. | 4 |

SECTION 2 — CULTURE AND IDENTITY — 25 marks

Attempt the question

7. Analyse the relationship between culture and sub-cultures.

In your answer you must:

- use **one** structural and **one** action theory
- use at least **one** sociological study of your choice
- link your study to your theories.

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SECTION 3 — SOCIAL ISSUES — 25 marks

Attempt ALL questions

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| 8. | Use the findings of <i>The Oxford Mobility Study</i> by Goldthorpe to analyse the extent to which social mobility is possible. | 6 |
| 9. | Evaluate <i>Up and Down the Generational Income Ladder</i> by Blanden, J. and Machin, S. (2008). | 6 |
| 10. | Use Marxism and one other theory to analyse a social issue of your choice. This could be social mobility or any other social issue you have studied. | 13 |

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