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National Qualifications

2022

Sociology

Wednesday, 1 June

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 - 55

SECTION 1 - HUMAN SOCIETY - 30 marks.

Attempt ALL questions.

SECTION 2 - CULTURE AND IDENTITY - 25 marks

Attempt the question.

You must clearly identify the question number you are attempting on your answer sheet. Sources marked with an asterisk differ in some respects from those in the printed paper.

Marks are shown in square brackets at the end of each question or part question. An ow in the margin indicates a new question. [Braille page 2]

SECTION 1 HUMAN SOCIETY - 30 marks

Attempt ALL questions

- ow 1. Explain what feminists mean when they describe society as a patriarchy. (4 marks]
- ow 2. Explain two differences between structural and action theories. [6 marks]
- ow 3. Evaluate one strength and one weakness of symbolic interactionism. [6 marks]
- ow 4. A sociologist wants to carry out research into ageism in Scotland. Her hypothesis is, 'Scottish employers discriminate against employees who are over 50 years old'. She is using an action theory and wants to find out about individual workers' experiences in the workplace.
 - (a) Referring to the scenario above, evaluate the use of unstructured interviews. [6 marks]
 - (b) Explain in what ways the sociologist might operationalise this research. [4 marks]
- ow 5. Describe two advantages of using covert instead of overt participant observation in research. [4 marks]

SECTION 2 CULTURE AND IDENTITY - 25 marks

Attempt the question

ow 6. Analyse the extent to which society influences the formation of identity.

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. [25 marks]

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