

# National Course modification summary: Sociology



## National 5 and Higher: session 2021–22

### National 5

Component	Marks	Scaled marks	Duration
Question paper	50	70	1 hour and 30 minutes
Assignment	30	30	carried out over time

Modifications for session 2021–22 remain the same as session 2020–21.

### Question paper

Question 3 (Social issues) will be removed from the question paper, reducing the total marks from 70 to 50 and reducing the duration of the question paper from 2 hours to 1 hour and 30 minutes. The question paper will now have two sections:

- ◆ Section 1: Human society (30 marks)
- ◆ Section 2: Culture and identity (20 marks)

The purpose of this modification to the question paper is to ease pressure on teaching and learning, while ensuring that the range of skills and knowledge and understanding is still covered. You should aim to deliver the whole course as normal, but the 'Social issues' topic will be assessed solely by the assignment in session 2021–22.

Question paper marks will be scaled to preserve normal component weightings. This means that marks gained in the question paper will continue to represent 70% of the overall course award, and marks gained in the assignment will continue to represent 30%.

### Assignment

No changes have been made to the assignment for session 2021–22. As in a normal year, candidates must **not** use either of the two mandatory studies from the course in their assignment — Rosenthal, R. and Jacobson, L. (1968) *Pygmalion in the classroom*; and Kingdon, G. and Cassen, R. (2007) *Understanding low achievement in English schools*.

### Higher

Component	Marks	Scaled marks	Duration
Question paper	55	80	1 hour and 50 minutes
Assignment	30	30	carried out over time

Modifications for session 2021–22 remain the same as session 2020–21.

## Question paper

Question 3 (Social issues) will be removed from the question paper, reducing the total marks from 80 to 55, and reducing the duration of the question paper from 2 hours and 40 minutes to 1 hour and 50 minutes. The question paper will now have two sections:

- ◆ Section 1: Human society (30 marks)
- ◆ Section 2: Culture and identity (25 marks)

The purpose of this modification to the question paper is to ease pressure on teaching and learning, while ensuring that the range of skills and knowledge and understanding is still covered. You should aim to deliver the whole course as normal, but the 'Social issues' topic will be assessed solely by the assignment in session 2021–22.

Question paper marks will be scaled to preserve normal component weightings. This means that marks gained in the question paper will continue to represent around 73% of the course award, and marks gained in the assignment will continue to represent around 27%.

## Assignment

No changes have been made to the assignment for session 2021–22. As in a normal year, candidates must **not** use any of the three mandatory studies from the course in their assignment — Cohen, S. (1972) *Folk Devils and Moral Panics*; Goldthorpe, J. H. (1972) *Oxford Mobility Studies*; and Blanden, J. and Machin, S. (2008) *Up and Down the Generational Income Ladder in Britain: Past Changes and Future Prospects*.

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