

Instructions for candidates

This assignment is worth a maximum of 30 marks. Your report should be between 800 and 1,200 words long, excluding references, footnotes, and appendices. You must provide the word count of your completed report, excluding references, footnotes, and appendices. Your report is marked by SQA. If the word count exceeds the maximum by 10%, a penalty will be applied.

Please note that you are not permitted to use the two sociological studies which are a mandatory part of the National 5 Sociology course: – Rosenthal R. and Jacobson L. 1968. *Pygmalion in the classroom*. New York: Holt, Rinehart and Winston – Kingdon G. and Cassen R. 2007. *Understanding low achievement in English schools*. London School of Economics.

A Choosing and describing a topic that is of interest to sociologists – maximum of 2 marks available.

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B Describing basic differences between sociological and common-sense explanations of human social behaviour – maximum of 6 marks available.

C Using investigation skills to find appropriate sources of information – maximum of 2 marks available.

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D Organising and interpreting information in sociology – maximum of **10** marks available.

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E Communicating sociologically informed views – maximum of **10** marks available.

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