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SOCIOLOGY (3192/H) HIGHER TIER MARK SCHEME

All examiners should bear in mind that we are assessing the level of attainment of the notional 16-year-old. Examples in the mark scheme are for guidance only. They are neither exhaustive nor prescriptive. It is unlikely that candidates at this level will express themselves so formally. If they offer alternative answers to the examples in the mark scheme, and these are appropriate to the question, then credit should be given.

SECTION A

WHAT IS SOCIOLOGY? Total for this question: 20 marks

AO Marks

Question 1

(a) According to the information in Item A :		
(i) do present-day mothers spend more time or less time on their domestic roles than mothers in the 1950s? (1 mark)		
Less.	AO2 (ii)	1
(a) (ii) is it possible to tell from the information how many mothers in total took part in the study? (1 mark)		
Yes.	AO2 (ii)	1
(b) Explain briefly how a sociological description of a family might differ from a biological description of a family. (2 marks)		
1 mark for simple/partial explanation. 2 marks for clear explanation which makes reference to difference between blood and social relationships.	AO1 (i) AO1 (ii)	1 1
(c) Explain briefly what sociologists mean by domestic roles. (2 marks)		
1 mark for partial explanation. 2 marks for clear explanation which makes reference to tasks, behaviours, activities and 'in the home', ie to both 'domestic' and 'role'.	AO1 (i) AO1 (ii)	1 1
(d) Imagine that for your coursework you are going to try to find out how much time women and men spend on childcare. You are going to do this by sending out a questionnaire for them to fill in themselves. The questionnaire will be taken home and returned to you by your classmates.		
(i) Identify and explain one advantage of using closed questions for this piece of coursework. (3 marks)		
1 mark for identification of advantage.2 marks for identification with some explanation of advantage.	AO1 (ii) AO1 (ii)	1
3 marks for identification with some explanation of advantage. 3 marks for identification and clear explanation of advantage when doing coursework, eg allows for ease of collating data; easy to compare responses, quick and/or easy for respondents; can be turned into statistics with ease.	AO1 (ii) AO2 (ii)	1 1

(d)	(ii) Identify and explain one disadvantage of using closed questions for this piece of coursework. (3 marks)	AO	Marks
1 ma	k for identification of disadvantage.	AO1 (ii)	1
	ks for identification with some explanation of disadvantage.	AO1 (ii)	1
3 ma	rks for identification and clear explanation of disadvantage when doing		
cours	ework, eg doesn't allow for subtle variation in response; forces choice of	AO2 (ii)	1
respo	nse; may not allow for particular responses.		
(e)	To what extent would sociologists agree that recent social changes have		
	made women and men equal in Britain? (8 marks)		
1-2	Simple statement(s) about gender equality or social changes.	AO1 (i)	2
3-5	To reach this band there must be some understanding of relevant sociological	AO1 (i)	2
3 3	concepts and/or ideas, as exemplified below, but there will be either no	AO1 (ii)	1
	reference to extent or the response may address the issue of extent but lack	7101 (II)	1
	sufficiently clear understanding for the top band.		
6-8	To reach this band there must be a clear and overt understanding of relevant	AO1 (ii)	2
	sociological concepts and/or ideas and explicit reference to extent. Likely	AO2 (iii)	1
	references are, for example, to employment patterns; education; recognition	()	
	of sexism; legal issues and role models. The issue of extent is likely to be		
	dealt with by reference to pay; to media images; to politics; or to domestic		
	roles.		

Total for this question: 15 marks

SECTION B

FAMILY

Ques	stion 2	AO	Marks
(a)	According to the information in Item B , was the number of divorces greater in 1976 or in 2004? (1 mark)		
2004		AO2 (ii)	1
(b)	Explain briefly one possible consequence for family members of living in a reconstituted or step family. (2 marks)		
2 ma conse differ	rk for identification of consequence or for definition of reconstituted family. rks for clear explanation. Candidates may offer either positive or negative equences. Likely references are to the problems of adjusting to new members; rent expectations of role behaviour; conflicts caused by nature of family; om from abuse; freedom to pursue new life.	AO1 (i) AO1 (ii)	1 1
(c)	Identify and explain one reason why more couples today choose to live together rather than marry. (3 marks)		
declin 2 mar 3 mar	ark for identification of an appropriate reason, eg changing social attitudes; ne of religious ideals; fear of divorce. rks for identification with some explanation. arks for identification with clear explanation, making explicit reference to ge. The explanation must also link to choice of cohabitation for this band.	AO1 (i) AO1 (ii) AO2 (iii)	1 1 1
(d)	To what extent would sociologists agree that changes in social attitudes have been responsible for the increase in the divorce rate since the 1960s? (9 marks)		
1-2 3-6	Simple statement(s) about changes in the divorce rate. To reach this band there must be some understanding of relevant sociological concepts and/or ideas, as exemplified below, but there will be either no reference to extent or the response may address the issue of extent but lack sufficiently clear understanding for the top band.	AO1 (i) AO1 (i) AO1 (ii) AO2 (iii)	2 2 1 1
7-9	To reach this band there must be a clear and overt understanding of relevant sociological concepts and/or ideas and explicit reference to extent. Responses are likely to discuss changes in social attitudes towards divorce and/or marriage and include references to legal changes; changes in gender roles; higher expectations of marriage; changes in employment patterns; and changes in benefits. Attitude change may be dealt with by reference to the decline of religion. Extent is likely to be dealt with by a comparison of the extent to which different factors have been responsible for changes in the divorce rate.	AO1 (ii) AO2 (iii)	2 1

EDUCATION Total for this question: 15 marks

AO Marks

Question 3

According to the information in **Item C**, do a higher percentage of students say they spend less time studying or less time preparing coursework? (1 mark) Studying. 1 AO₂ (ii) Explain briefly **one** way in which recent governments have tried to increase (b) the number of people staying in education after the age of 16. 1 mark for simple explanation. AO1 (i) 1 2 marks for clear explanation of reform or link to increase, eg by reference to AO1 (ii) 1 EMAs; introduction of vocational courses; A level reform. Identify and explain **one** advantage of the regular publication of examination (c) and SATs (Standard Attainment Tests) results. (3 marks) 1 mark for identification of appropriate advantage, or for description of the format AO1 (i) 1 of publication of results. 2 marks for identification with some explanation. AO1 (ii) 1 3 marks for identification with clear explanation of advantage, eg by reference to AO2 (iii) 1 allowing parental choice; by encouraging improvement; by encouraging accountability. To what extent would sociologists agree that differences in family income (d) are responsible for differences in educational achievement between social groups? (9 marks) 2 1-2 Simple statement(s) about educational achievement. AO1 (i) To reach this band there must be some understanding of relevant sociological 3-6 AO1 (i) 2 concepts and/or ideas, as exemplified below, but there will be either no AO1 (ii) 1 reference to extent or the response may address the issue of extent but lack AO2 (iii) 1 sufficiently clear understanding for the top band. 7-9 To reach this band there must be a clear and overt understanding of relevant AO1 (ii) 2 sociological concepts and/or ideas and explicit reference to extent. AO2 (iii) 1 Responses are likely to include references to the ways in which material factors can influence educational achievement, eg through paying for books and equipment or by being able to buy education (schools or tuition) or by moving into particular catchment areas. Extent is likely to be dealt with through consideration of cultural factors, or issues to do with gender or ethnicity, or by reference to, for example, school ethos.

Total for this question: 15 marks **SOCIAL DIFFERENTIATION** AO Marks **Question 4** According to the information in **Item D**, which ethnic group was least likely to take up professional or managerial roles? (1 mark) White (non-immigrant). AO2 (ii) 1 Explain briefly **one** form of social stratification **other than** social class. (2 marks) 1 1 mark for simple explanation or identification of form only. AO1 (i) 2 marks for clear explanation, eg of gender, age or ethnic stratification, which will AO1 (ii) 1 include reference to non-economic basis of the form identified. Identify and explain one way in which sociologists might allocate an (c) individual to a social class. (3 marks) 1 mark for identification of appropriate way, eg by using occupation, income, 1 AO1 (i) power over others, access to life chances, ownership of property, wealth. 2 marks for identification with some explanation. AO1 (ii) 1 3 marks for identification with clear explanation which is explicit about the AO2 (iii) 1 economic nature of the concept of social class. However, it should be remembered that responses may be legitimately based on conceptualisations which combine the economic with some other notion, eg the RG classification. To what extent would sociologists agree that ethnic divisions are more important than class divisions in Britain today? (9 marks) 1-2 Simple statement(s) about ethnic or class divisions or differences. AO1 (i) 2 To reach this band there must be some understanding of relevant sociological 3-6 AO1 (i) 2 concepts and/or ideas, as exemplified below, but there will be either no AO1 (ii) 1 reference to extent or the response may address the issue of extent but lack AO2 (iii) 1 sufficiently clear understanding for the top band. Responses which go beyond the simple but do not explicitly address 'division' may be placed in this band. To reach this band there must be a clear and overt understanding of relevant 2 AO1 (ii) sociological concepts and/or ideas and explicit reference to extent. AO2 (iii) 1 Candidates should also address the idea of division, rather than simply examining difference. As well as ethnic inequalities, candidates are likely to examine, for example, racism, segregation, inter-group conflict, religious differences, political divisions, differences in norms and values and relationships with the law. The issue of extent might be dealt with via any of these, or by an assessment of how ethnic divisions might exacerbate those of class, or vice versa. There should be a clear attempt to address the issue of

the relative importance of class and ethnic divisions.

POVERTY AND THE WELFARE STATE Total for this question: 15 marks AO Marks **Question 5** According to the information in Item E, was the percentage of children living in low income households greater in 1982 or in 2000-01? (1 mark) 2000-01. AO2 (ii) 1 Explain briefly why an individual might **not** claim welfare benefits to which they may be entitled. (2 marks) 1 1 mark for simple explanation or identification without explanation. AO1 (i) 2 marks for clear explanation explicitly linked to non claiming, eg by reference to AO1 (ii) 1 pride/shame; complexity of forms; lack of knowledge of what can be claimed; dislike of welfare offices. According to some sociologists, women are more likely to experience poverty during their lives than men. Identify and explain one reason why this might be so. (3 marks) 1 mark for identification of appropriate reason, eg likely to be unable to AO1 (i) 1 work/afford to work because of childcare; more likely to work part time; more likely to be low paid; likely to run out of savings and experience poverty in old age as a result of relative longevity. 2 marks for identification with some explanation. 1 AO1 (ii) 3 marks for identification with clear explanation. There should also be some AO2 (iii) 1 element of comparison to reach this band. (d) To what extent would sociologists agree that children born into poverty will grow up to be poor throughout their lives? (9 marks) 1-2 Simple statement(s) about childhood poverty. 2 AO1 (i) 3-6 To reach this band there must be some understanding of relevant sociological AO1 (i) 2 concepts and/or ideas, as exemplified below, but there will be either no AO1 (ii) 1 reference to extent or the response may address the issue of extent but lack AO2 (iii) 1 sufficiently clear understanding for the top band. 7-9 To reach this band there must be a clear and overt understanding of relevant AO1 (ii) 2 sociological concepts and/or ideas and explicit reference to extent. Likely AO2 (iii) 1 references are to the culture of poverty; the cycle of deprivation; dependency theory, for example. The issue of extent may be dealt with through reference to escape from poverty by education and/or government schemes such as Sure Start, EMA (Educational Maintenance Allowance), New Deal, for example. Or it may be dealt with by reference to individuals moving in and out of poverty over their lifetimes.

THE SOCIOLOGY OF POWER AND POLITICS Total for this question: 15 marks AO Marks **Question 6** According to the information in **Item F**, which opinion poll accurately predicted the 2005 election result? (1 mark) NOP/Independent. AO2 (ii) 1 Explain briefly how an opinion poll might be able to predict accurately the result of a general election. (2 marks) 1 mark for simple explanation or identification without explanation. 1 AO1 (i) 2 marks for clear explanation explicitly linked to accuracy of poll, eg through AO1 (ii) 1 sampling procedures; through choosing appropriate constituencies to predict result. Identify and explain one way in which an individual might try to influence (c) government policy other than by voting in a general election. 1 mark for identification of appropriate way, eg by joining a pressure group; by AO1 (i) 1 joining a political party; by using the media; by writing to MP; by going on a demonstration. 2 marks for identification with some explanation. AO1 (ii) 1 3 marks for identification with clear explanation which clearly links the identified AO2 (iii) 1 way with influence on government policy, eg through description of insider/outsider group activities; through involvement in policy discussions. 'There is no longer a link between social class and voting behaviour.' To (d) what extent would sociologists agree with this statement? (9 marks) 2 1-2 Simple statements(s) about voting behaviour. AO1 (i) 3-6 To reach this band there must be some understanding of relevant sociological 2 AO1 (i) concepts and/or ideas, as exemplified below, but there will be either no AO1 (ii) 1 reference to the extent of social class influence or the response may address AO2 (iii) 1 the issue of extent but lack sufficiently clear understanding for the top band. 7-9 To reach this band there must be a clear and overt understanding of relevant AO1 (ii) 2 sociological concepts and/or ideas and explicit reference to extent. Likely 1 AO2 (iii) references are to the fragmentation of the class structure; to class and party dealignment; to consumer choice voting; to party images and to the role of the media: changes in the political landscape. Responses based entirely on deference and/or deviant voter explanations will not reach this band. The issue of extent is likely to be dealt with through discussion of regional voting; reference to a shrinking working class; or class based policies such as

minimum wage.

THE SOCIOLOGY OF WORK Total for this question: 15 marks AO Marks **Question 7** According to the information in **Item G**, which ethnic group had the lowest proportion of working households? (1 mark) Pakistani/Bangladeshi. AO2 (ii) 1 Explain briefly how recent governments have tried to reduce unemployment. (2 marks) 1 1 mark for simple explanation or identification without explanation. AO1 (i) 2 marks for clear explanation, explicitly linked to reduction of unemployment, eg AO1 (ii) 1 by reference to training schemes; changes in benefit rules; investment. Identify and explain one effect that unemployment might have on an (c) individual. (3 marks) 1 mark for identification of appropriate effect, eg upon lifestyle; upon self esteem; 1 AO1 (i) upon mental health; upon relationships with others; upon social life. 2 marks for identification with some explanation. AO1 (ii) 1 3 marks for identification with clear explanation which explicitly links the AO2 (iii) 1 identified effect with unemployment. To what extent would sociologists agree that working life has changed (d) considerably for those in paid employment over the last 50 years? (9 marks) 1-2 2 Simple statement(s) about working life. AO1 (i) To reach this band there must be some understanding of relevant sociological 3-6 AO1 (i) 2 concepts and/or ideas, as exemplified below, but there will be either no AO1 (ii) 1 reference to extent or the response may address the issue of extent but lack AO2 (iii) 1 sufficiently clear understanding for the top band. 7-9 To reach this band there must be a clear and overt understanding of relevant 2 AO1 (ii) sociological concepts and/or ideas and explicit reference to extent. Likely AO2 (iii) 1 references are to issues such as flexible working; core and peripheral workforces; changes in technology and the demands for reskilling; the deskilling of certain occupations; the decline in certain manual occupations; increases in levels of insecurity. The issue of extent is likely to be dealt with by reference to issues such as many individuals still staying in the same occupation throughout their working lives; to the continuing pay differential between men and women; to the fact that some occupations have been

characterised by insecurity (construction, for example) for many years.

MIGRATION AND MOVEMENT

Total for this question: 15 marks

AO Marks

1

1

1

2

2

1

AO2 (iii)

Question 8

(a) According to the information in **Item H**, is the proportion of wage earners who work from home larger in the countryside or in the workforce as a whole? (1 mark)

In the countryside. AO2 (ii) 1

- (b) Explain briefly what sociologists mean by community. (2 marks)
- 1 mark for simple explanation, eg everyone knowing everyone else, or people AO1 (i) 1 looking out for one another.

 2 marks for clear explanation, eg linking looking out for one another because of AO1 (ii) 1
- 2 marks for clear explanation, eg linking looking out for one another because of MO1 (ii) mutual knowledge; 'community' activities bringing individuals together; or other relevant aspect of 'gemeinschaft'.
- (c) Identify and explain **one** effect on a **rural** area of working people moving away. (3 marks)
- 1 mark for identification of appropriate effect, eg on local businesses; on local AO1 (i) schools; effect on property values; effect on social class mix.
- 2 marks for identification with some explanation. AO1 (ii)
- 3 marks for identification with clear explanation which clearly links the identification to stated effect. This could be through individuals having to travel further as a result of business closure; less for people to do; schools having fewer facilities as fund-raising shrinks; the community becoming more homogenous in terms of class mix.
- (d) To what extent would sociologists agree that individuals who move from cities to rural areas will have to adjust to a completely different way of life?

 (9 marks)
- 1-2 Simple statement(s) about rural/city lifestyles. AO1 (i)
- 3-6 To reach this band there must be some understanding of relevant sociological AO1 (i) 2 concepts and/or ideas, as exemplified below, but there will be either no AO1 (ii) 1 reference to extent of differences in ways of life or the response may address AO2 (iii) 1 the issue of extent but lack sufficiently clear understanding for the top band.
- 7-9 To reach this band there must be a clear and overt understanding of relevant sociological concepts and/or ideas and explicit reference to extent. Likely references are to gemeinschaft and gesellschaft (though explicit use of these terms is not a condition of reaching this band); to varying types of social control; to variations in the notion of 'community'. As well as the latter, extent is likely to be dealt with by reference to similarities in the education system; to the use of new technology, eg for shopping, to the similarity of norms and values.

AO1 (ii)

AO2 (iii)

SOCIAL CONTROL AND DEVIANCE Total for this question: 15 marks

SOCIAL CONTROL AND DEVIANCE	question.	15 main
Question 9	AO	Mark
(a) According to the information in Item I , was violent crime or burglary a higher proportion of crimes recorded by the police? (1 mark)		
Violent crime.	AO2 (ii)	1
(b) Explain briefly one way in which individuals try to persuade others to conform to their norms. (2 marks)		
1 mark for simple explanation or identification without explanation. 2 marks for clear explanation explicitly linked to conformity to norms. This may be done by reference to examples of forms of social control, or in a more abstract fashion by an explanation of the concept of social control itself.	AO1 (i) AO1 (ii)	1 1
(c) Identify and explain one way in which governments have tried to reduce crime and anti-social behaviour among young people over recent years. (3 marks)		
1 mark for identification of appropriate way, eg Anti-Social Behaviour Orders; curfews; fining parents for the misdemeanours of their children; 'exclusion zones'. 2 marks for identification with some explanation. 3 marks for identification with clear explanation which explicitly links the identified way to a reduction of crime and/or anti-social behaviour.	AO1 (i) AO1 (ii) AO2 (iii)	1 1 1
(d) To what extent would sociologists find official crime figures helpful in providing an accurate picture of how much crime there is? (9 marks)		
 1-2 Simple statement(s) about crime figures/reporting or recording of crimes. 3-6 To reach this band there must be some understanding of relevant sociological concepts and/or ideas, as exemplified below, but there will be either no reference to the extent of the accuracy of the official crime figures or the response may address the issue of extent but lack sufficiently clear understanding for the tan hand. 	AO1 (i) AO1 (i) AO1 (ii) AO2 (iii)	2 2 1 1
understanding for the top band. 7-9 To reach this band there must be a clear and overt understanding of relevant sociological concepts and/or ideas and explicit reference to extent. Candidates are likely, for example, to state that official statistics are helpful	AO1 (ii) AO2 (iii)	2

to a degree (eg for trends; comparisons) but have limitations as regard to accuracy. Likely references are to the various reasons for non reporting of crime; to the variation in the accuracy of figures for different types of crime; to the BCS; and to self-report studies. The issue of extent may be dealt with in a variety of ways including, for example, the variations in official figures

or a comparison of BCS and official figures.

MARKING CRITERIA FOR QUALITY OF WRITTEN COMMUNICATION

For each GCSE subject, 5% of the total marks available in each component of the examination will be allocated to Quality of Written Communication according to the following criteria, as defined in the GCSE Mandatory Code of Practice:

High Performance Candidates spell, punctuate and use 4 marks

the rules of grammar with almost faultless accuracy, deploying a range of grammatical constructions; they use a wide range of specialist terms adeptly and with precision.

Intermediate Performance Candidates spell, punctuate and use 2-3 marks

the rules of grammar with considerable accuracy; they use a good range of specialist terms with

facility.

Threshold Performance Candidates spell, punctuate and use 1 mark

the rules of grammar with reasonable accuracy; they use a limited range of specialist terms

appropriately.

Below Threshold Performance Candidates do not meet the 0 marks

threshold performance criteria.

EXAMINERS

Having marked the candidate's script for subject content, recording the question totals for each question, you must review the script as a whole and according to the bands of marks defined above, decide on the mark to be awarded to the candidate for Quality of Written Communication. This mark should be written in the next available mark box on the front of the answer book, and Qual written next to it in the corresponding question number box. Then you should add the question total marks together and add the Qual mark to give the grand total and enter this in the box for the total mark. The grand total for the whole paper (including Qual) is the mark you should write and encode on the Examiner's Mark Sheet.

Objectives Grid – Higher Tier Paper – June 2007

Assessment Objectives	Higher Tier		
Recall (AO1) (i)	30		
Explanation (AO1) (ii)	29		
Acquisition (AO2) (i)	-		
Interpretation (AO2) (ii)	8		
Use of information (AO2) (iii)	13		
Written Communication (AO2) (iv)	4		
Overall Weighting of Unit (%)	80		

Question	AO1		AO2			Total Marks	
	(i)	(ii)	(i)	(ii)	(iii)	(iv)	
1	6	9		4	1		20
2	6	5		1	3		15
3	6	5		1	3		15
4	6	5		1	3		15
5	6	5		1	3		15
6	6	5		1	3		15
7	6	5		1	3		15
8	6	5		1	3		15
9	6	5		1	3		15
Paper as a whole						4	$20 + (15 \times 4)$
							+ 4 (AO2 (iv))
Section A plus 4 from Section B	30	29		8	13	4	= 84

Summary of the Mark Distribution

Question 1	AO1 (i)	AO1 (ii)	AO2 (ii)	AO2 (iii)	Total
	No of marks (maximum)				
1 (a) (i)			1		1
1 (a) (ii)			1		1
1 (b)	1	1			2
1 (c)	1	1			2
1 (d) (i)		2	1		3
1 (d) (ii)		2	1		3
1 (e)	4	3		1	8

Questions 2–9

(a)			1		1
(b)	1	1			2
(c)	1	1		1	3
(d)	4	3		2	9