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### Generic Marking Principles

These general marking principles must be applied by all examiners when marking candidate answers. They should be applied alongside the specific content of the mark scheme or generic level descriptors for a question. Each question paper and mark scheme will also comply with these marking principles.

#### GENERIC MARKING PRINCIPLE 1:

Marks must be awarded in line with:

- the specific content of the mark scheme or the generic level descriptors for the question
- the specific skills defined in the mark scheme or in the generic level descriptors for the question
- the standard of response required by a candidate as exemplified by the standardisation scripts.

#### GENERIC MARKING PRINCIPLE 2:

Marks awarded are always **whole marks** (not half marks, or other fractions).

#### GENERIC MARKING PRINCIPLE 3:

Marks must be awarded **positively**:

- marks are awarded for correct/valid answers, as defined in the mark scheme. However, credit is given for valid answers which go beyond the scope of the syllabus and mark scheme, referring to your Team Leader as appropriate
- marks are awarded when candidates clearly demonstrate what they know and can do
- marks are not deducted for errors
- marks are not deducted for omissions
- answers should only be judged on the quality of spelling, punctuation and grammar when these features are specifically assessed by the question as indicated by the mark scheme. The meaning, however, should be unambiguous.

#### GENERIC MARKING PRINCIPLE 4:

Rules must be applied consistently, e.g. in situations where candidates have not followed instructions or in the application of generic level descriptors.

#### GENERIC MARKING PRINCIPLE 5:

Marks should be awarded using the full range of marks defined in the mark scheme for the question (however; the use of the full mark range may be limited according to the quality of the candidate responses seen).

#### GENERIC MARKING PRINCIPLE 6:

Marks awarded are based solely on the requirements as defined in the mark scheme. Marks should not be awarded with grade thresholds or grade descriptors in mind.

**Social Science-Specific Marking Principles  
(for point-based marking)****1 Components using point-based marking:**

- Point marking is often used to reward knowledge, understanding and application of skills. We give credit where the candidate's answer shows relevant knowledge, understanding and application of skills in answering the question. We do not give credit where the answer shows confusion.

From this it follows that we:

- a DO credit answers which are worded differently from the mark scheme if they clearly convey the same meaning (unless the mark scheme requires a specific term)
- b DO credit alternative answers/examples which are not written in the mark scheme if they are correct
- c DO credit answers where candidates give more than one correct answer in one prompt/numbered/scaffolded space where extended writing is required rather than list-type answers. For example, questions that require  $n$  reasons (e.g. State two reasons ...).
- d DO NOT credit answers simply for using a 'key term' unless that is all that is required. (Check for evidence it is understood and not used wrongly.)
- e DO NOT credit answers which are obviously self-contradicting or trying to cover all possibilities
- f DO NOT give further credit for what is effectively repetition of a correct point already credited unless the language itself is being tested. This applies equally to 'mirror statements' (i.e. polluted/not polluted).
- g DO NOT require spellings to be correct, unless this is part of the test. However spellings of syllabus terms must allow for clear and unambiguous separation from other syllabus terms with which they may be confused (e.g. Corrasion/Corrosion)

**2 Presentation of mark scheme:**

- Slashes (/) or the word 'or' separate alternative ways of making the same point.
- Semi colons (;) bullet points (•) or figures in brackets (1) separate different points.
- Content in the answer column in brackets is for examiner information/context to clarify the marking but is not required to earn the mark (except Accounting syllabuses where they indicate negative numbers).

**3 Calculation questions:**

- The mark scheme will show the steps in the most likely correct method(s), the mark for each step, the correct answer(s) and the mark for each answer
- If working/explanation is considered essential for full credit, this will be indicated in the question paper and in the mark scheme. In all other instances, the correct answer to a calculation should be given full credit, even if no supporting working is shown.
- Where the candidate uses a valid method which is not covered by the mark scheme, award equivalent marks for reaching equivalent stages.
- Where an answer makes use of a candidate's own incorrect figure from previous working, the 'own figure rule' applies: full marks will be given if a correct and complete method is used. Further guidance will be included in the mark scheme where necessary and any exceptions to this general principle will be noted.

**4 Annotation:**

- For point marking, ticks can be used to indicate correct answers and crosses can be used to indicate wrong answers. There is no direct relationship between ticks and marks. Ticks have no defined meaning for levels of response marking.
- For levels of response marking, the level awarded should be annotated on the script.
- Other annotations will be used by examiners as agreed during standardisation, and the meaning will be understood by all examiners who marked that paper.

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1(a)	<p><b>What is meant by the term ‘step-parent’?</b></p> <p><b>One</b> mark for a partial definition, e.g. a parent’s new wife or husband.</p> <p><b>Two</b> marks for a clear definition, e.g. a person after remarriage who shares with their new partner parental responsibility for children from previous marriages.</p>	<b>2</b>
1(b)	<p><b>Describe <u>two</u> types of family, apart from step-families.</b></p> <p>Possible responses:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Nuclear – an adult man and woman who are married or in a cohabiting relationship and have dependent children;</li> <li>• Extended – a nuclear family living with other relatives e.g. grandparents or aunts and uncles;</li> <li>• Single-parent – one parent and their dependent children living together;</li> <li>• Same-sex – when the two adults are of the same sex, sometimes raising their own or adopted children;</li> <li>• Any other reasonable response.</li> </ul> <p><b>One</b> mark for each point correctly identified (up to a maximum of <b>two</b>). <b>One</b> mark for each point that is developed (up to a maximum of <b>two</b>).</p>	<b>4</b>

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1(c)	<p><b>Explain how marriage can vary cross-culturally.</b></p> <p>Possible responses:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• monogamy – a marriage between one man and one woman and is the only form of marriage in many societies but not others e.g. in Islam a man is allowed up to 4 wives;</li> <li>• serial monogamy – when someone has more than one marriage partner during their life, but only one at any given time – particularly popular in the West which contrasts with many traditional cultures;</li> <li>• polygamy – being married to more than one person at the same time is acceptable in Islam but it is illegal in the UK;</li> <li>• polygyny – when a man has several wives. This is legal in most of Africa and the Middle East and parts of Asia.;</li> <li>• polyandry – when a woman has more than one husband at the same time. Fraternal polyandry is practised in Tibet (a woman marrying two brothers) whereas this would be seen as deviant in Western cultures;</li> <li>• group marriage – there are typically two or more husbands and two or more wives – approved of in some cultures, disapproved of in others;</li> <li>• same-sex marriage – changing norms and values means that legislation has changed in some countries, allowing same sex couples to legally marry e.g. UK whereas in other countries it is against the law;</li> <li>• arranged marriages – these are commonplace in some cultures whereby relatives are involved in the match-making process. In other cultures love marriages dominate;</li> <li>• importance – global trends show marriage to be more important and common in some cultures than others e.g. in many Western cultures cohabitation is replacing marriage whereas in traditional, religious cultures marriage remains highly valued;</li> <li>• any other reasonable response.</li> </ul> <p><b>Band 0 [0 marks]</b> No creditworthy response.</p> <p><b>Band 1 [1–3 marks]</b> Answers in this band will show only a limited awareness of the question. Responses may be short and un/underdeveloped. At the bottom of the band (1 mark), expect one weak point. Higher in the band (2–3 marks), candidates may offer more than one weak point, but there may be a tendency towards simplistic answers, engaging with sociological ideas without using sociological language.</p> <p><b>Band 2 [4–6 marks]</b> Answers in this band will have clear and accurate explanation, showing good sociological knowledge and understanding. Sociological terms and concepts should be expected and explained. At the bottom of the band, the range of points covered may be narrow or lack detail. Higher in the band, answers will cover more than one point in a well-developed way or cover several points in less detail.</p>	6

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1(d)	<p><b>Explain why contemporary families are <u>not</u> all symmetrical.</b></p> <p>Possible responses:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• functionalism – Parsons believed that the nuclear family was the best fit for society with men performing the instrumental and women the expressive roles. This structure is still seen in many families worldwide and is not symmetrical;</li> <li>• gender role socialisation – Oakley – believes that processes such as canalisation and manipulation mean that male and female children are brought up very differently, with females being seen as domestic workers who care for others and males as breadwinners;</li> <li>• feminism – believes that the family remains patriarchal and mimics the gender inequalities found in wider society, so is not symmetrical;</li> <li>• dual burden/triple shift – even in families where women do seem to have more power as they go to work, they are still the ones to be responsible for the majority of domestic and emotional work which is not symmetrical;</li> <li>• dark side of the family – feminists point out that power relations in the family are not equal and that women are often the victims of fear, coercion, manipulation and abuse in the family;</li> <li>• decision making – research indicates that men still make the most important decisions in the household e.g. moving house, whereas women take charge on more trivial things such as the shopping list;</li> <li>• task division – research shows that whilst men are taking a more active role in family life, they are still selecting what they do and don't want to do – they typically choose the more 'fun' tasks such as preparing a special dinner for guests or playing in the park with the children;</li> <li>• social class – research indicates that women in the lower social classes do not experience as much symmetry as those in the higher social classes;</li> <li>• ethnicity/culture – in some cultures and religions women are still expected to be responsible for the home and to accept their husband's superiority and power – this is not symmetrical;</li> <li>• any other reasonable response.</li> </ul> <p><b>Band 0 [0 marks]</b> No creditworthy response.</p> <p><b>Band 1 [1–3 marks]</b> Answers in this band will show only a limited awareness of the question. A tendency to description is likely. Responses may be short and undeveloped and points stated without explanation. Sociological terms and concepts are unlikely to be used. At the bottom of the band (1 mark), expect one weak point. Higher in the band (2–3 marks), candidates may offer more than one weak point.</p> <p><b>Band 2 [4–6 marks]</b> Answers in this band will show basic sociological knowledge and understanding. Responses maybe underdeveloped and lacking in range. At the bottom of the band, candidates are unlikely to use sociological terms and concepts accurately. Higher in the band, candidates may be beginning to use sociological terms and concepts with greater accuracy. However, some aspects of the answer may only be partially developed/explained.</p>	8

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1(d)	<b>Band 3 [7–8 marks]</b> Answers in this band will show good sociological knowledge and understanding and will be well-developed and explained. Sociological terms and concepts will be used accurately overall. Answers will be well-focused on the question and there will be a range of points presented. At the top of the band explanations will be clear throughout.	



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1(e)	<p><b>To what extent are all families child-centred?</b></p> <p>Possible responses:</p> <p>Arguments for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• legislation – this protects children in many ways, putting their needs and wants at the heart of family life e.g. UN ‘Rights of the Child’, NSPCC etc.;</li> <li>• socialisation – parents socialise and socially control children to teach them how to fit into society, demonstrating love and care for the children;</li> <li>• pester power – advertisers see children now as consumers and thus target the child market specifically. Families are then put under pressure by the child to buy the latest material items and their consumer needs become central to the family;</li> <li>• innocence – childhood is now seen as a period of innocence whereby children should not have to work or experience other aspects of the adult world – they are protected and shielded by the family as they are thought to be so important and precious;</li> <li>• corporal punishment – families are no longer allowed to smack their children in many societies, symbolising the greater power and status that children now have;</li> <li>• decision making – children in a family are now frequently asked their opinion on decisions such as where to holiday, whether to move house, living arrangements after divorce etc., demonstrating the shifting nature of children’s roles in the family – they have more power than previously;</li> <li>• bedrooms/technology – in many societies children’s bedrooms are filled with technology and home comforts e.g. TV, laptop, gaming station;</li> <li>• family size – contemporary families are often small meaning that the lone child or small number of children receive a lot of love, attention and affection from the family, meaning it is child-centred;</li> <li>• any other reasonable response.</li> </ul> <p>Arguments against:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• social control – despite having more freedom generally in society children are still subject to adult control in the family and ultimately have to obey someone else’s orders and instructions;</li> <li>• child abuse – the family is not a loving place of safety for all children, for some it is dangerous and exploitative;</li> <li>• child carers – in many families children are performing the role of carer for other family members which sees them placed under pressure and having to take on many adult responsibilities;</li> <li>• poverty/child workers – many children grow up in poverty and in some countries children get little if no access to education, demonstrating that child-centredness is not universal;</li> <li>• child soldiers – in some countries children, like adults, are expected to fight on the frontline in times of war, facing danger and the threat of death;</li> <li>• fear and restrictions – children in many societies are subject to restricted freedom and movement, particularly in the public sphere, due to heightened parental concerns about external and ‘stranger danger’ (Furedi);</li> </ul>	15

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1(e)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• sexualisation of children – Postman talked about the loss of innocence of contemporary children who, with increased access to technology and social media within the family situation, were increasingly exposed to adult materials such as violence, drug taking and pornography;</li> <li>• DINK families – contemporary families are often childless through choice which contradicts the notion of child-centredness;</li> <li>• New Right (Murray)/lone parents – their discussion of unsocialised or feral children, neglected and left to fend for themselves does not support the idea of all families being child-centred;</li> <li>• any other reasonable response.</li> </ul> <p><b>Band 0 [0 marks]</b> No creditworthy response.</p> <p><b>Band 1 [1–4 marks]</b> Answers in this band may be vague and largely based on common sense showing limited knowledge of the debate. Use of sociological terms or concepts is very unlikely. Responses may be short, undeveloped and one-sided. Lower in the band (1–2 marks), expect one or two weak points. Higher in the band (3–4 marks) candidates may offer more than two points and provide a weak definition of key terms in the question.</p> <p><b>Band 2 [5–8 marks]</b> In this band candidates will show some basic knowledge of the debate. Alternatively, they may offer an answer which is list-like in nature but there will be no real attempt to assess the issues raised by the question. There may be limited/some use of sociological terms or concepts. Responses may be underdeveloped and lack range. Answers may be simplistic and two-sided or only cover one side of the debate. Lower in the band, the response may be rather narrow in the points covered and there may be some development. Higher in the band, more points are likely to be covered with some development. Alternatively, a list-like answer with some development covering both sides of the argument may score up to 8 marks.</p> <p><b>A one-sided answer cannot score higher than 8 marks.</b></p> <p><b>Band 3 [9–12 marks]</b> Answers in this band will show good sociological knowledge and understanding of the debate. Sociological terms and concepts will be used with greater accuracy and/or frequency. For the most part, answers will be well-developed, focused on the questions and there will be a range of points presented. There will be a two-sided response but it may lack range on one side. At the bottom of the band, candidates may provide a narrower range of developed points. At the top of the band, expect a wider range of developed points and clear focus on the question.</p>	

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1(e)	<p><b>Band 4 [13–15 marks]</b></p> <p>Answers in this band will show excellent knowledge and understanding of the debate. There will be a strong grasp of the arguments as well as accurate and frequent use of sociological terms and concepts. Answers will be well-developed, clearly focused on the question and discuss a wide range of points. Responses will be two-sided and have a range of points on each side. At the bottom of the band (13 marks), the answer may lack a specific conclusion. Higher in the band, there will be a clear attempt to offer an assessment of the ‘To what extent?’ part of the question through a focused conclusion.</p>	

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2(a)	<p><b>What is meant by the term ‘secondary socialisation’?</b></p> <p><b>One</b> mark for a partial definition, e.g. schools are an agent of secondary socialisation OR learning norms and values.</p> <p><b>Two</b> marks for a clear definition, e.g. the period of learning after the primary stage/primary socialisation when norms and values are reinforced OR what is learnt through agencies such as schools in the period after primary socialisation.</p>	<b>2</b>
2(b)	<p><b>Describe <u>two</u> findings from IQ tests.</b></p> <p>Possible responses:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Intelligence – IQ tests measure intelligence and show that some children and more intelligent than others;</li> <li>• Social groups – IQ tests have shown that there are patterns of results between different social groups e.g. middle-class pupils tend to score higher than working class students;</li> <li>• Ethnicity – some researchers claim that IQ tests show that there are links between intelligence and ethnicity and that some ethnic groups tend to score better;</li> <li>• Different kinds of intelligence – IQ test findings are based on quite a limited definition of intelligence e.g. reasoning skills are measured;</li> <li>• Processing speed – IQ tests can measure how quickly an individual can memorise/process information;</li> <li>• Nerves/illness – it has been found that feeling nervous or feeling ill can influence results in IQ tests;</li> <li>• Life chances – IQ tests do not necessarily determine a person’s path in life, some people with low IQ test results go on to do well in education and careers, whereas some with high test results do not i.e. they cannot make accurate predictions;</li> <li>• Life chances – IQ tests can be used to determine future life chances i.e. those who score highly on IQ tests are likely to achieve highly in their later examination results too and thus have good life chances e.g. a predictor of ability;</li> <li>• Setting/selection – findings from IQ tests are often used as the basis for internal setting and streaming within schools and as the basis for selection tests for fee-paying and/or grammar schools;</li> <li>• Any other reasonable response.</li> </ul> <p><b>One</b> mark for each point correctly identified (up to a maximum of <b>two</b>). <b>One</b> mark for each point that is developed (up to a maximum of <b>two</b>).</p>	<b>4</b>

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2(c)	<p><b>Explain how education is functional for society.</b></p> <p>Possible responses:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• socialisation – the process begun by the family continues in education, allowing norms and values to be reinforced;</li> <li>• social control – the system of rewards and sanctions ensures socially approved behaviour and attitudes are inculcated;</li> <li>• knowledge and skills – students learn the knowledge and skills necessary to best serve the economy;</li> <li>• role allocation – the ‘sifting and sorting’ process found in education ensures that the right people are in the right roles later in life;</li> <li>• sense of belonging – a national pride and sense of social solidarity is nurtured in education through singing the national anthem, learning about one’s own history and culture etc.;</li> <li>• preparation for employment – education ensures that individuals are ‘trained’ ready for the workplace e.g. through the hidden curriculum;</li> <li>• feminism – education continues the culture of patriarchy and so is functional for men as it continues their superiority and dominance within society;</li> <li>• Marxism – education is functional for the ruling class as it supports and normalises capitalism, creating a submissive and unquestioning proletariat workforce;</li> <li>• any other reasonable response.</li> </ul> <p><b>Band 0 [0 marks]</b> No creditworthy response.</p> <p><b>Band 1 [1–3 marks]</b> Answers in this band will show only a limited awareness of the question. Responses may be short and un/underdeveloped. At the bottom of the band (1 mark), expect one weak point. Higher in the band (2–3 marks), candidates may offer more than one weak point, but there may be a tendency towards simplistic answers, engaging with sociological ideas without using sociological language.</p> <p><b>Band 2 [4–6 marks]</b> Answers in this band will have clear and accurate explanation, showing good sociological knowledge and understanding. Sociological terms and concepts should be expected and explained. At the bottom of the band, the range of points covered may be narrow or lack detail. Higher in the band, answers will cover more than one point in a well-developed way or cover several points in less detail.</p>	6

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2(d)	<p><b>Explain why girls do better than boys in their examination results in many modern industrial societies.</b></p> <p>Possible responses:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• age of maturity – many believe that girls mature earlier than boys and so they are more likely to realise the importance of exams to their future careers than boys i.e. deferred gratification;</li> <li>• female role models – the attitudes and aspirations of girls have increased as there are now more successful female role models for them meaning better exam results for girls;</li> <li>• decline of the housewife role – as dual worker families and working women have become more normalised so girls have started to realise the value of education and their exam results have improved;</li> <li>• equal opportunities – legislation and policy now ensures that girls and boys are given the same opportunities e.g. the national curriculum – girls are therefore encouraged by teachers and careers advisors to aim high – hence better exam results;</li> <li>• positive discrimination – this may be seen particularly in STEM subjects whereby the performance of girls is closely monitored e.g. they may be given priority access to lab equipment or be invited to a girls only STEM club meaning exam results may be higher;</li> <li>• motivation – girls spend longer studying than do boys on average, are more conscientious and better organised – this is likely to lead to better exam performance;</li> <li>• feminism – this has demonstrated on a societal level that girls can achieve and be successful – these attitudes and new norms have trickled down into schools and exam performance too;</li> <li>• culture of masculinity – boys are under pressure from peers to demonstrate laddish behaviour as they are afraid they will suffer from a loss of status if they are seen to be too hard working – this can have a negative effect on their exam results;</li> <li>• traditional male jobs – these are in decline in many societies and so boys may see little point in working hard in school for their exams as there are fewer job opportunities now for them – crisis of masculinity;</li> <li>• any other reasonable response.</li> </ul> <p><b>Band 0 [0 marks]</b> No creditworthy response.</p> <p><b>Band 1 [1–3 marks]</b> Answers in this band will show only a limited awareness of the question. A tendency to description is likely. Responses may be short and undeveloped and points stated without explanation. Sociological terms and concepts are unlikely to be used. At the bottom of the band (1 mark), expect one weak point. Higher in the band (2–3 marks), candidates may offer more than one weak point.</p> <p><b>Band 2 [4–6 marks]</b> Answers in this band will show basic sociological knowledge and understanding. Responses maybe underdeveloped and lacking in range. At the bottom of the band, candidates are unlikely to use sociological terms and concepts accurately. Higher in the band, candidates may be beginning to use sociological terms and concepts with greater accuracy. However, some aspects of the answer may only be partially developed/explained.</p>	8

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2(e)	<p><b>To what extent do material factors affect educational achievement?</b></p> <p>Possible responses: Arguments for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• quiet space – not having one of these because the family is too poor is likely to hamper educational achievement;</li> <li>• diet – an inadequate diet will negatively affect concentration levels and performance – these are often down to a lack of money for fresh, healthy food;</li> <li>• pre-school – not going to this because it costs too much can mean that poorer children enter education already behind their peers;</li> <li>• fewer resources – not having access to the internet, ICT, revision books, private tutors etc. at home disadvantages a child when in school;</li> <li>• part-time jobs – students that need to work part-time alongside their studies to help support their families will not have the same time available for study which is likely to negatively impact upon performance;</li> <li>• university access – coming from a poor family who cannot financially support their children through education may lower the child's aspirations in school as they can't really see the point of it;</li> <li>• extra-curricular activities – poorer students are less likely to be able to afford these e.g. school trips, sporting clubs that require equipment, after-school sessions when they need to look after siblings etc. – this may affect their relationships with teachers and access to cultural capital;</li> <li>• attending a disadvantaged school – being poor reduces parental choice as they cannot afford private education or to move to a better catchment area – this means the education on offer will not be as good as at more affluent schools;</li> <li>• gender – financial hardship may mean that a boy's education is prioritised over a girl's;</li> <li>• immigration – some minority ethnic groups have a high proportion of their members in the working class and so are more likely to suffer from material hardship e.g. immigrants forced to take low paid jobs, this will then affect children's educational achievement;</li> <li>• any other reasonable response.</li> </ul> <p>Arguments against:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• cultural factors – many sociologists believe these are far more influential than material factors on educational achievement e.g. cultural capital – access to libraries, trips to museums, the theatre and art galleries, reading at home etc.</li> <li>• linguistic factors – it is not material factors that influence educational achievement but the ability to understand and speak elaborated code the language of schools and educational success – Bernstein;</li> <li>• compensatory education – material deprivation is high on many government agendas and thus compensatory education schemes and positive discrimination are often in place to counter the negative effects of financial hardship on achievement;</li> <li>• ethnicity – it may not be about material factors but instead about ethnicity e.g. the language of the school not being the student's first language, ethnocentric curriculum, institutional racism etc.;</li> </ul>	15



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2(e)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• gender – it may not be money but gender that has the biggest effect on educational achievement e.g. in some societies boys' education is prioritised over girls;</li> <li>• in-school factors – setting and streaming may have more of an effect on a student's educational achievement than any material factors;</li> <li>• teacher expectations – Becker's labelling theory – students' educational achievement will be affected by the way they are treated and perceived by their teachers e.g. a self-fulfilling prophecy may occur;</li> <li>• school attended – research by Rutter demonstrated that some schools and teachers were better than others and that this, rather than any specific material disadvantage, was the reason for differences in educational achievement;</li> <li>• personal motivation – students from all backgrounds can be motivated to succeed through their own ambition and desires for the future – this is not linked to material factors;</li> <li>• any other reasonable response.</li> </ul> <p><b>Band 0 [0 marks]</b> No creditworthy response.</p> <p><b>Band 1 [1–4 marks]</b> Answers in this band may be vague and largely based on common sense showing limited knowledge of the debate. Use of sociological terms or concepts is very unlikely. Responses may be short, undeveloped and one-sided. Lower in the band (1–2 marks), expect one or two weak points. Higher in the band (3–4 marks) candidates may offer more than two points and provide a weak definition of key terms in the question.</p> <p><b>Band 2 [5–8 marks]</b> In this band candidates will show some basic knowledge of the debate. Alternatively, they may offer an answer which is list-like in nature but there will be no real attempt to assess the issues raised by the question. There may be limited/some use of sociological terms or concepts. Responses may be underdeveloped and lack range. Answers may be simplistic and two-sided or only cover one side of the debate. Lower in the band, the response may be rather narrow in the points covered and there may be some development. Higher in the band, more points are likely to be covered with some development. Alternatively, a list-like answer with some development covering both sides of the argument may score up to 8 marks.</p> <p><b>A one-sided answer cannot score higher than 8 marks.</b></p> <p><b>Band 3 [9–12 marks]</b> Answers in this band will show good sociological knowledge and understanding of the debate. Sociological terms and concepts will be used with greater accuracy and/or frequency. For the most part, answers will be well-developed, focused on the questions and there will be a range of points presented. There will be a two-sided response but it may lack range on one side. At the bottom of the band, candidates may provide a narrower range of developed points. At the top of the band, expect a wider range of developed points and clear focus on the question.</p>	

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