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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.

Question	Answer	Marks
1(a)	<p><b>What is meant by the term ‘family diversity’?</b></p> <p><b>One</b> mark for a partial definition, e.g. <i>not all families are nuclear</i>.  <b>Two</b> marks for a clear definition, e.g. <i>increase in the number of different types of families with different family roles</i>.</p>	<b>2</b>
1(b)	<p><b>Describe <u>two</u> positive functions of the family.</b></p> <p><b>Possible answers:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• reproduction – societies must reproduce new generations of children in order to survive and most families encourage reproduction within marriage;</li> <li>• socialisation – children learn the norms and values of their society through primary socialisation in the family;</li> <li>• social control – children’s behaviour is regulated so that they conform to expected norms and values through a system of rewards and sanctions used in the family;</li> <li>• care of children – families nurture, feed, clothe and shelter children in order to allow them to grow into well-rounded and emotionally secure adults;</li> <li>• status – families provide status for their children, involving them in a web of inter-connected personal and group relationships – they help them form an identity;</li> <li>• regulation of sexual behaviour – families set rules for socially approved sexual relationships e.g. families with married parents are used as role models by society to encourage certain behaviours and morals;</li> <li>• gender roles – families ensure that men and women perform the roles they are best at e.g. women as expressive and men as instrumental (functionalism);</li> <li>• economic support – families ensure members are financially provided for and taken care of;</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 family roles are changing.</b></p> <p><b>Possible answers:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• children – their role as passive and obedient has changed in many families to a more active role in child-centred families;</li> <li>• pivot/sandwich generation – with an ageing population there is a change in the role of many women who have to care for both dependent children and elderly relatives;</li> <li>• grandparents – with good health in many older people, grandparents are now often providing childcare for their working children's kin;</li> <li>• gender roles – functionalists believe families are becoming more symmetrical as conjugal roles change from segregated to joint;</li> <li>• changing families – for example, many people are now choosing to live alone, as single parents and these choices alter family roles;</li> <li>• labour saving devices – these mean less time is needed on housework, so allowing for a change in (gendered) family roles;</li> <li>• female role – with more working women more dual worker families are emerging with less focus on domesticity;</li> <li>• falling birth rate – women are having less children and some are choosing not to have them at all – this drastically changes their family roles e.g. DINK families rather than mothers;</li> <li>• dual burden – women are still expected to perform the domestic role even when they take on more external roles e.g. employment, so their role changes as they take on more responsibilities and it becomes more stressful;</li> <li>• male role – masculinity is changing and this has affected family roles e.g. house-husbands, joint conjugal roles, new men;</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 some individuals may have negative experiences of family life.</b></p> <p><b>Possible answers:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>domestic violence – Dobash and Dobash’s research discovered that domestic violence was commonplace in many families and relationships;</li> <li>child abuse and neglect – for some children family life can be exploitative and dangerous (sexual, physical, emotional, neglect);</li> <li>elder abuse – research has shown that pressures of caring for elderly relatives (e.g. pivot generation) has led to increases in the abuse of elderly people in families;</li> <li>forced marriage – individuals forced to marry without giving their consent often experience very unhappy marriages which may involve physical and emotional harm alongside a lack of liberties;</li> <li>feminism – many feminists believe that families are patriarchal and are sources of unhappiness for women; they often have less power than men and may have to perform the triple shift;</li> <li>Marxism – they believe families may be negative because they are where male workers take out their stresses and frustrations from the workplace;</li> <li>poverty – deprivation is increasingly common and this makes family life difficult as the cost of living rises;</li> <li>divorce – divorce rates are increasing as societies become more secular and this may lead to sadness, conflict and tension in families e.g. from blended families;</li> <li>coercive control – some individuals experience their partner controlling almost every aspect of their life, often through threatening behaviour resulting in the victim becoming socially isolated and vulnerable;</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 in greater accuracy. However, some aspects of the answer may only be partially developed/explained.</p> <p><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.</p>	8

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1(e)	<p><b>To what extent is the nuclear family the norm?</b></p> <p><b>Possible answers:</b></p> <p><b>Arguments for:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>family functions – functionalists believe that the nuclear family is the only one that can fulfill all the essential functions and therefore that it remains the norm;</li> <li>fit thesis – the nuclear family is thought by many sociologists to be the best fit for modern industrial societies as it allows for geographical mobility and so is the norm;</li> <li>cereal packet family – media representations of family life continue to show the nuclear family as the norm and therefore the agenda is set for this in society;</li> <li>gender roles – research shows that women still perform the majority of the expressive family roles and men the instrumental roles – suggesting that the nuclear family remains the norm;</li> <li>remarriage – many people may get divorced but then form another relationship or remarry – this means the nuclear family cycle continues as the norm (even in its new blended form);</li> <li>globalisation – in the digital age Western images and media content are widely available on a global scale and this spreads the message that the nuclear family is the norm;</li> <li>feminism – they believe the nuclear family is the norm – the dominant family form and an important social agent that maintains patriarchy;</li> <li>religion/tradition – in societies where religion is valued, the traditional nuclear family, based on marriage and having children, is still expected and is therefore the norm;</li> <li>any other reasonable response.</li> </ul> <p><b>Arguments against:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>extended families – in many cultures and societies e.g. South Asian, these families are seen as the best to fit the members needs and are therefore the norm, not the nuclear;</li> <li>matrifocal families – research shows these are commonplace in some cultures e.g. Afro-Caribbean, this challenges the dominance of the nuclear family as the norm;</li> <li>feminism – feminists see the nuclear family as patriarchal and therefore do not encourage women to be part of one – this may explain the rise in singlehood, lone parent families and alternatives to the family e.g. shared households – all suggesting the nuclear family is no longer the norm;</li> <li>family diversity – multiple types of families now co-exist and this has reduced the dominance of the nuclear family as the norm (postmodernism);</li> <li>cross-cultural variations – in some cultures' marriage is not monogamous and therefore the nuclear family is not the norm;</li> <li>secularisation – as religious influences decline so do pressures to form a nuclear family and this means that other types of family become more commonplace and so the nuclear family is not seen as the norm any longer;</li> <li>any other reasonable response.</li> </ul>	15



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1(e)	<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> <p><b>Band 4 [13–15 marks]</b> 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.?'</p>	

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2(a)	<p><b>What is meant by the term ‘single-sex school’?</b></p> <p><b>One</b> mark for a partial definition, <i>e.g. girl’s school.</i>  <b>Two</b> marks for a clear definition, <i>e.g. schools that accept either only boys or only girls.</i></p>	<b>2</b>
2(b)	<p><b>Describe <u>two</u> functions of education.</b></p> <p><b>Possible answers:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• socialisation – schools pass common norms and values on from one generation to the next;</li> <li>• shared values – schools socialise children to accept shared values <i>e.g. patriotism, a country’s heritage</i> – this promotes social solidarity;</li> <li>• social control – schools use rewards and sanctions to teach social expectations and to ensure children understand the consequences of their actions;</li> <li>• individual achievement – schools teach children about achieved status as they are judged largely on what they achieve, measured by universal standards and standardised testing;</li> <li>• skills and abilities – economic function – schools ensure individuals have the skills and abilities needed as adults for the workplace;</li> <li>• sifting and sorting – selective function – schools sort children out into ability groups and so lead them into the future roles that are appropriate for their ability <i>e.g. professional or manual work</i>;</li> <li>• Marxism – schools reproduce and normalise capitalist values, meaning that the system of elitism is not challenged and the status quo remains – so benefiting the ruling class;</li> <li>• feminism – schools send out the message that boys are superior and so girls learn to lower their expectations later in society;</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 gender discrimination has been reduced in schools.</b></p> <p><b>Possible answers:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• positive discrimination – many schools have introduced initiatives to try and reduce gender discrimination – this could be through STEM clubs for girls, female priority access to the labs, female masterclasses, female access to university schemes, etc.;</li> <li>• equal opportunities – legislation is now clear that all students need to be given the same opportunities to succeed and that sexism is not to be tolerated – schools must follow these practices and so gender discrimination reduces;</li> <li>• changing attitudes – as norms and values about gender change in wider society so they do in schools – gender discrimination is not acceptable, therefore there is a culture of acceptance that will sanction discriminatory behaviour both at school and in the peer group;</li> <li>• co-ed/comprehensive schools – the introduction of schools for students of both genders meant that male and female students studied alongside one another and had access to the same subjects and opportunities, thus reducing gender discrimination;</li> <li>• teaching staff – many schools have actively tried to recruit more female staff to leadership positions, so creating positive role models and reducing gender discrimination;</li> <li>• coursework – the introduction of coursework in many educational syllabuses has facilitated better achievement for girls and so has reduced gender discrimination;</li> <li>• careers advice – schools have ensured that male and female students can all have access to the same careers advice and guidance, regardless of gender – so reducing gender discrimination;</li> <li>• textbooks – representations and written text has become less stereotypical as care is taken to avoid gender discrimination;</li> <li>• curriculum – in schools in most modern industrial societies, boys and girls now follow the same curriculum in order to reduce gender discrimination, e.g. a national curriculum;</li> <li>• access – in some areas of the world girls have now been given access to education/secondary education, thus reducing gender discrimination;</li> <li>• single-sex schools – increase in or encouragement of single-sex schooling means that gender discrimination can be avoided;</li> <li>• functionalism – schools now operating on principles of meritocracy means that gender becomes irrelevant and instead students are treated based on how hard they work and their achievements;</li> <li>• social media/hashtag campaigns – the global nature of these campaigns means they have far-reaching impact and can raise awareness of gender discrimination that then filters down into schools e.g. 'This Girl Can', 'Everyone's Invited', '#metoo';</li> <li>• gender discrimination against female teachers may also have been reduced e.g. via equal pay with males or females getting higher posts in schools where they can act as role models for girls;</li> <li>• any other reasonable response.</li> </ul>	6

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2(d)	<p><b>Explain why some sociologists are critical of private schools.</b></p> <p><b>Possible answers:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• money – most parents cannot afford private schools, it is wrong that the wealthy can buy a better education;</li> <li>• charities – private schools are charities so attract subsidies and benefits even though they only educate a wealthy minority;</li> <li>• teaching standards – teaching is often no better in private schools than state schools and so better exam results are probably more likely to be down to the smaller class sizes and greater individual attention than in state schools;</li> <li>• education for all – elite private schools spend about four times as much each year on students than state schools and this money could be better spent on improving education for everybody;</li> <li>• Marxism – private schools ensure that the higher classes pass on their privileges to their children and maintain social inequalities;</li> <li>• university – attendance at private schools is often a pre-cursor to attendance at elite universities e.g. Oxbridge is dominated by private school pupils and this is not seen to be fair;</li> <li>• access to the top jobs – attending a private school often leads to unfair advantages in the job market;</li> <li>• life chances – students who attend private schools have better life chances than those from the state sector, regardless of qualifications or effort;</li> <li>• capital (Bourdieu) – private schools cultivate cultural and social capital which then benefit students in society – this is unfair;</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 may be 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> <p><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.</p>	8

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2(e)	<p><b>To what extent is educational achievement determined by a student's intelligence and effort?</b></p> <p><b>Possible answers:</b></p> <p><b>Arguments for:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• some people argue that some people are more intelligent than others and this explains how well people do in schools;</li> <li>• IQ tests – these exist in various forms in education and are used to assess student intelligence and capabilities to inform school selection procedures, e.g. the 11+ exam used to decide whether a student is admitted into a high achieving grammar school;</li> <li>• equality of opportunity – functionalists believe education is based on a system of meritocracy that allows anyone to succeed based upon their natural ability and their efforts to succeed;</li> <li>• social mobility – the functionalist belief explains why those from underprivileged backgrounds and minority ethnic groups can still do well in education if they are bright and try hard, e.g. in the UK it is an ethnically diverse, inner city comprehensive school that currently sends most students on to Oxbridge universities;</li> <li>• universal standards – all students are judged by the same criteria and many study the same national curriculum, this gives all students the same chances of success therefore ability must explain any differences in educational achievement;</li> <li>• sifting and sorting – functionalists believe that education sorts students by ability, setting and streaming can be used to ensure the brightest students are pushed to achieve the best qualifications and enter professional careers whilst a more vocational route is chosen for less bright students;</li> <li>• comprehensive schools – allow all students from different backgrounds to get the same educational opportunities, meaning that those who are intelligent and try hard can be placed in top sets/streams and excel;</li> <li>• any other reasonable response.</li> </ul> <p><b>Arguments against:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• social class – research shows that students in the lower social classes do not achieve as well as students in the higher social classes (Marxism) and this is not to do with effort or ability but inequality;</li> <li>• ethnicity – minority ethnic groups typically do less well in education than other ethnic groups and this is likely to be caused by racism rather than a lack of effort or intelligence;</li> <li>• gender – in some countries the education of boys is prioritised over that of girls (feminism) and so boys have an unfair advantage in their education, regardless of intelligence or effort;</li> <li>• school factors – educational achievement may be determined by teacher labelling, the type of school attended and the institutional practices and ethos;</li> <li>• peer group – peer group pressure and anti-school/pro-school subcultures may be a significant influence on pupil achievement;</li> <li>• home factors – the value placed on education, parental aspirations and engagement with school as well as the community may all impact upon educational achievement;</li> </ul>	15

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2(e)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>material factors – how much money a family has may influence educational achievement e.g. private tuition, school attended, extra resources, internet access, quiet study space, etc.;</li> <li>intersection – it is unlikely that one factor alone, e.g. ability, is responsible for educational success, most sociologists believe that different factors intersect;</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> <p><b>Band 4 [13–15 marks]</b> 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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3(a)	<p><b>What is meant by the term ‘material deprivation’?</b></p> <p><b>One</b> mark for a partial definition, <i>e.g. being poor.</i>  <b>Two</b> marks for a clear definition, <i>e.g. being short of the material goods needed and wanted in society.</i></p>	<b>2</b>
3(b)	<p><b>Describe <u>two</u> criminal sub-cultures.</b></p> <p><b>Possible answers:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• youth sub-cultures <i>e.g.</i> mods, rockers, punks, skinheads – taking drugs, violence, anti-social behaviour, etc.;</li> <li>• organised criminal sub-cultures – Sutherland – criminal behaviour is highly organised to maximise profits <i>e.g.</i> the Mafia;</li> <li>• gangs – a sub-culture based on a strict hierarchy that may be involved in drug dealing, human trafficking, violence, etc.;</li> <li>• retreatist sub-cultures – drug and/or alcohol addicts, often involved in crime to fund their addictions;</li> <li>• conflict sub-cultures – Cloward and Ohlin’s illegitimate opportunity structures and turf wars involving criminal sub-cultures;</li> <li>• underclass sub-cultures – Murray – children socialised into deviant norms and values form criminal sub-cultures;</li> <li>• criminal groups that operate online such as hacking groups often issue ransom threats against individuals, businesses or even the government <i>e.g.</i> the group Anonymous;</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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4(b)	<p><b>Describe <u>two</u> examples of media folk devils.</b></p> <p><b>Possible answers:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>youth sub-cultures e.g. the mods and the rockers – were represented by the media as causing trouble through acts of violence (Cohen);</li> <li>knife crime – young males (often ethnic minority) are often portrayed by the media as living gang lifestyles and being a threat to society;</li> <li>hoodies – the ‘hoody’ became a media symbol for ‘out of control youth’ resulting in the banning of youths wearing hoodies from some public places e.g. Bluewater shopping centre, UK (Fawbert);</li> <li>bankers – in the credit crunch the ‘greedy’ bankers were portrayed in the media as the folk devils, responsible for international economic collapse and recession;</li> <li>drug users – Young’s study of drug users showed how they were portrayed negatively as ‘delinquents’ and ‘losers’ and Critcher’s study showed rave culture being portrayed in a similar way;</li> <li>ethnic minorities, particularly immigrants, may be blamed in the media for taking working class jobs, so creating conflict in society;</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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