GCSE

C200U20-1

TUESDAY, 21 MAY 2024 – AFTERNOON

SOCIOLOGY – Component 2

Understanding Social Structures

1 hour 45 minutes plus your additional time allowance

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Question	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded
1.	4	
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Total	100	

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

Use black ink, black ball-point pen or your usual method.

Write your name, centre number and candidate number in the spaces provided on the front cover.

Answer ALL questions.

Write your answers in the spaces provided in this booklet. If you run out of space, use the additional page(s) at the back of the booklet, taking care to number the question(s) correctly.

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INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES

The number of marks is given in brackets at the end of each question or part-question.

Credit will be given for the use of sociological concepts, theories and evidence.

Answer ALL questions.

1. Use the words in the list below to fill in the spaces in the statements that follow.

role allocation
Charles Murray
exploitation
identity
Fiona Devine
affluent worker

(a) A term which means that one group is taking advantage of another group in society. [1 mark]

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1 (b) A term to describe our sense of who we are. [1 mark]

(c) A term which means the way that jobs are given out in society. [1 mark]

(d) A New Right sociologist. [1 mark]

UK attitudes towards the monarchy by age, 1994 – 2021

	Age group		
	18 – 34	35 – 54	55+
1994	21	29	45
2000	19	26	45
2005	35	36	51
2011	35	36	51
2015	32	37	50
2021	14	27	44

Adapted from British Social Attitudes Survey, National Centre for Social Research, 2022.

The UK has a monarchy where there is a king or queen. The table opposite shows the percentage (%) of people of different ages, between the years 1994 and 2021, who thought it very important for Britain to have a monarchy.

2. Look at the information opposite and answer the questions that follow.

(a) Identify the age group with the highest percentage in 2021. [1 mark]

2 (b) Identify the group with the largest decrease in percentage between 1994 and 2021. [1 mark]

(c) **Describe TWO patterns or trends shown in the table opposite page 6, supporting your answer with reference to the statistics in the table. [4 marks]**

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3 (a) Explain what is meant by life chances. [2 marks]

3 (b) Explain TWO ways in which life chances may be affected by wealth.

[4 marks]

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3 (c) Discuss whether life chances in the UK are equal. [9 marks]

In your answer you are advised to discuss at least TWO factors that can affect life chances in the UK to support your judgement.

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4. **Read the passage opposite and answer the questions that follow.**

> **Citizens Advice describe age DISCRIMINATION as where you are treated unfairly because of your age or the age group you are part of. Age is a protected characteristic under the Equality Act 2010. It is unlawful to discriminate against someone because of how old they look or because of a person they are with, such as a parent, partner, child or friend.**

Adapted from citzensadvice.org.uk

(a) **Explain what is meant by DISCRIMINATION. [2 marks]**

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4 (b) Explain TWO ways in which the media may present younger people.

[4 marks]

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4 (c) Explain ONE stereotype that may affect older people. [2 marks]

4 (d) Discuss how ageism affects different groups in the UK. [9 marks]

In your answer you are advised to refer to evidence from at least TWO areas of life and TWO age groups to support your judgement.

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5 (a) Explain, with examples, what is meant by status. [4 marks]

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5 (b) Describe TWO reasons why some people have authority over others.

[4 marks]

(Turn over)

5 (c) ‘Some groups in society have less power than others.’ Do you agree with this view? [9 marks]

In your answer you are advised to refer to evidence from at least TWO sociological views to support your judgement.

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6 (a) Describe what is meant by the term chivalry thesis. [2 marks]

6 (b) Outline, with examples, what is meant by a moral panic. [5 marks]

(Turn over)

6 (c) Explain the main patterns of crime for different groups in the contemporary UK. [8 marks]

You should explore at least TWO groups in your response.

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(Turn over)

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6 (d) **'Official statistics of crime are useful to understand how much crime there is in UK society.' Do you agree with this view? [15 marks]**

In your answer you are advised to refer to different sociological views to support your judgement.

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7. In 2022, Crisis UK, a homelessness charity, predicted that homelessness will continue to rise in the next 20 years. You have been asked to carry out sociological research on the reasons why people become homeless.

(a) Identify a suitable research method that could be used. [1 mark]

7 (b) Explain TWO practical problems with research into homelessness.

[4 marks]

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7 (c) Explain and evaluate the use of your chosen research method to study homelessness. [6 marks]

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