

GCSE SOCIOLOGY

EXAM QUESTION BOOKLET

EDUCATION



*“Striving for success without hard work is like trying to harvest
where you haven’t planted”*

Name: _____

Sociology group: _____

Date: _____

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| 1 | Good use of sociological vocabulary. |
| 2 | Your point is clear, concise and answers the question well. |
| 3 | The amount you have written reflect the amount of marks available. |
| 4 | Your work is neat and shows attention to detail. |

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| | Even better if |
| 1 | Explain why this function benefits wider society. |
| 2 | Refer to theory in your answer, for example, Functionalism. |
| 3 | Make sure the amount you write reflects the marks available. |
| 4 | Practice writing your answers in timed conditions. |

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**Identify and explain one way in which schools teach children to become part of society.
(4 marks)**

Answer: _____

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| | What went well |
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| 1 | Good use of sociological vocabulary. |
| 2 | Your point is clear, concise and answers the question well. |
| 3 | The amount you have written reflect the amount of marks available. |
| 4 | Your answer shows clear knowledge and understanding. |

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| | Even better if |
| 1 | Make sure you explain how this benefits society. |
| 2 | Include theory in your answer. |
| 3 | Make sure the amount you write reflects the marks available. |
| 4 | Practice writing your answers in timed conditions. |

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| 1 | Good use of sociological vocabulary. |
| 2 | Your point is clear, concise and answers the question well. |
| 3 | The amount you have written reflect the amount of marks available. |
| 4 | Your work is neat and shows attention to detail. |

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| | Even better if |
| 1 | Make sure you give a clear example, eg. gender role allocation. |
| 2 | Refer to theory/sociologists to show off knowledge and understanding. |
| 3 | Make sure the amount you write reflects the marks available. |
| 4 | Make sure you explain HOW this socialises children. |

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| 1 | Good use of sociological vocabulary. |
| 2 | Your point is clear, concise and answers the question well. |
| 3 | The amount you have written reflect the amount of marks available. |
| 4 | Your answer shows a good level of evaluation. |

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| | Even better if |
| 1 | Make sure you stick to one criticism in your response. |
| 2 | Make sure you explain clearly HOW this criticises Durkheim's argument. |
| 3 | Make sure the amount you write reflects the marks available. |
| 4 | Practice writing your answers in timed conditions. |

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Date: _____

Identify and explain one disadvantage of the comprehensive system. (4 marks)

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| 1 | Good use of sociological vocabulary. |
| 2 | Your point is clear, concise and answers the question well. |
| 3 | The amount you have written reflect the amount of marks available. |
| 4 | Your answers shows clear knowledge & understanding. |

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| | Even better if |
| 1 | Stick to just one disadvantage in your answer. |
| 2 | Make sure you explain WHY this is a disadvantage. |
| 3 | Try to include a theoretical perspective in your answer. |
| 4 | Make sure the amount you write is relative to the marks available. |

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Describe what is meant by a 'faith school'. (3 marks)

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| 2 | Your point is clear, concise and answers the question well. |
| 3 | The amount you have written reflects the amount of marks available. |
| 4 | Your work is neat and shows attention to detail. |

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| | Even better if |
| 1 | Give an example in your answer to show knowledge and understanding. |
| 2 | Include a difference between faith school and a state school. |
| 3 | Make sure the amount you write reflects the marks available. |
| 4 | Practice writing your answers in timed conditions. |

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Date: _____

Identify and explain one argument in favour of private school. (4 marks)

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| 1 | Good use of sociological vocabulary. |

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| 2 | Your point is clear, concise and answers the question well. |
| 3 | The amount you have written reflect the amount of marks available. |
| 4 | Your answer demonstrates a good level of analysis. |

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| | Even better if |
| 1 | Refer to theory in your answer – eg. Functionalism. |
| 2 | Include theory/statistics/other sociologists in your answer. |
| 3 | Make sure the amount you write is relevant to the marks available. |
| 4 | Practice writing your answers in timed conditions. |

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Date: _____

Identify and explain one criticism of vocational education. (4 marks)

Answer: _____

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| 1 | Good use of sociological vocabulary. |

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| 2 | Your point is clear, concise and answers the question well. |
| 3 | You have clearly understood the question and show good knowledge. |
| 4 | Your answer shows sound theoretical knowledge and understanding. |

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| | Even better if |
| 1 | Try to use an example in your answer. |
| 2 | Include theory in your answer. |
| 3 | Make sure the amount you write reflects the marks available. |
| 4 | Revisit your understanding of the theory. |

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Date: _____

Describe what is meant by 'marketisation' in education. (3 marks)

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| 2 | Your point is clear, concise and answers the question well. |
| 3 | The amount you have written reflect the amount of marks available. |
| 4 | Your work is neat and shows attention to detail. |

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| | Even better if |
| 1 | Include theory in your answer, for example, New Right. |
| 2 | Refer to the impact of marketisation in your answer. |
| 3 | Make sure the amount you write reflects the marks available. |
| 4 | Revisit your understanding of these theories. |

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Identify and explain one effect of the introduction of the National Curriculum. (4 marks)

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| 1 | Good use of sociological vocabulary. |

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| 2 | Your point is clear, concise and answers the question well. |
| 3 | The amount you have written reflect the amount of marks available. |
| 4 | Your work is neat and shows attention to detail. |

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| | Even better if |
| 1 | Briefly explain what the national curriculum is. |
| 2 | Make sure you explain the impact of the national curriculum. |
| 3 | Refer to the idea of assessment and progress in your answer. |
| 4 | Make sure the amount you write is relative to the amount of marks available. |

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Date: _____

Identify and describe one educational reform from the last 25 years aimed at reducing inequality in education. (3 marks)

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| 2 | Your point is clear, concise and answers the question well. |
| 3 | The amount you have written reflect the amount of marks available. |
| 4 | Your answer shows clear knowledge and understanding of educational policy. |

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| | Even better if |
| 1 | Make sure you stick to one educational policy in your answer. |
| 2 | Refer to political schemes in your answer. |
| 3 | Make sure the amount you write reflects the marks available. |
| 4 | Briefly describe the educational reform you have discussed. |

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Identify and describe one way in which an individual's social environment could influence their achievement. (3 marks)

Answer: _____

| | What went well |
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| 1 | Good use of sociological vocabulary. |

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| 2 | Your point is clear, concise and answers the question well. |
| 3 | The amount you have written reflect the amount of marks available. |
| 4 | You have shown good knowledge and understanding of this area. |

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| | Even better if |
| 1 | Refer to statistics in your answer. |
| 2 | Include theory/sociologists in your answer, such as Marxism. |
| 3 | Make sure the amount you write reflects the marks available. |
| 4 | Practice writing your answers in timed conditions. |

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Date: _____

Identify and explain what one way in which material deprivation could influence educational achievement. (4 marks)

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| 2 | Your point is clear, concise and answers the question well. |
| 3 | The amount you have written reflect the amount of marks available. |
| 4 | You show clear knowledge and understanding. |

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| | Even better if |
| 1 | Refer to Halsey, Heath & Ridge's study in your answer. |
| 2 | Include a link between material and cultural deprivation. |
| 3 | Make sure the amount you write reflects the marks available. |
| 4 | Revisit your understanding of this. |

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Identify and explain one way that parents' values and attitudes could influence educational achievement. (4 marks)

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| 2 | Your point is clear, concise and answers the question well. |
| 3 | The amount you have written reflect the amount of marks available. |
| 4 | Your work is neat and shows attention to detail. |

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| | Even better if |
| 1 | Practice short answer questions in timed conditions. |
| 2 | Try to use the terms 'deferred gratification' and 'instant gratification'. |
| 3 | Make sure you give an example in your answer. |
| 4 | Make sure the amount you write is relative to the marks available. |

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Date: _____

Identify and explain one possible effect of teachers labelling students. (4 marks)

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| 2 | Your point is clear, concise and answers the question well. |
| 3 | The amount you have written reflect the amount of marks available. |
| 4 | Your answer shows good knowledge and understanding. |

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| | Even better if |
| 1 | Refer to Rosenthal and Jacobson's research. |
| 2 | Use the term 'halo effect' in your answer. |
| 3 | Make sure the amount you write reflects the marks available. |
| 4 | Explain the potential consequence of the label on the student's future. |

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Describe what sociologists mean by the 'self-fulfilling prophecy'. (3 marks)

Answer: _____

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| 1 | Good use of sociological vocabulary. |

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| 2 | Your point is clear, concise and answers the question well. |
| 3 | The amount you have written reflect the amount of marks available. |
| 4 | Your answer shows clear knowledge and understanding. |

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| | Even better if |
| 1 | Link your reason back to the question. |
| 2 | Refer to Becker's research in your answer. |
| 3 | Refer to theory in your answer to show knowledge and understanding. |
| 4 | Practice writing your answers in timed conditions. |

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Identify and explain one possible effect of streaming in schools. (4 marks)

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| 2 | Your point is clear, concise and answers the question well. |
| 3 | The amount you have written reflect the amount of marks available. |
| 4 | Your work is neat and shows attention to detail. |

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| | Even better if |
| 1 | Make sure the amount you write is relative to the amount of marks available. |
| 2 | Make sure you just focus on one effect. |
| 3 | Use the term 'counter-culture' in your answer. |
| 4 | Refer to research in your answer, eg. Ball, Hargreaves or Lacey. |

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Identify and explain one reason why female students may achieve better grades in school than in the 1970s. (4 marks)

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| 2 | Your point is clear, concise and answers the question well. |
| 3 | The amount you have written reflect the amount of marks available. |
| 4 | Your work is neat and shows attention to detail. |

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| | Even better if |
| 1 | Refer to Sharpe's study in your answer. |
| 2 | Make reference to Feminism to show knowledge & understanding. |
| 3 | Include laws/policies in your answer. |
| 4 | Keep your work neat and pay more attention to detail. |

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Identify and explain one reason why male and female students often choose different subjects in higher education. (4 marks)

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| 3 | The amount you have written reflect the amount of marks available. |
| 4 | Your answer is well developed showing clear knowledge & understanding. |

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| | Even better if |
| 1 | Include statistics in your answer. |
| 2 | Refer to the sociologists Murphy & Elwood (1999). |
| 3 | Make sure the amount you write reflects the amount of marks available. |
| 4 | Practice writing exam questions in timed conditions to prepare for the exam. |

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Identify and describe one problem in using official statistics to examine the educational achievement of different ethnic groups. (3 marks)

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| 2 | Your point is clear, concise and answers the question well. |
| 3 | The amount you have written reflect the amount of marks available. |
| 4 | Your work is neat and shows attention to detail. |

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| | Even better if |
| 1 | Make sure you link your answer to educational achievement. |
| 2 | Compare official statistics with using qualitative data. |
| 3 | Refer to the idea that categories of ethnicity are often very broad. |
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Identify and explain one home factor that may affect attainment levels for some ethnic groups. (4 marks)

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| 2 | Your point is clear, concise and answers the question well. |
| 3 | The amount you have written reflect the amount of marks available. |
| 4 | Your work is neat and shows attention to detail. |

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| | Even better if |
| 1 | Try to include evidence eg. attainment level statistics |
| 2 | Include sociological theory in your answer. |
| 3 | Make sure the amount you write reflects the amount of marks available. |
| 4 | Practice writing exam questions in timed conditions to prepare for the exam. |

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Identify and explain one way in which teachers might influence the educational achievement of ethnic minority students. (4 marks)

Answer: _____

Lined area for writing the answer.

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| 1 | Good use of sociological vocabulary. |

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| 2 | Your point is clear, concise and answers the question well. |
| 3 | The amount you have written reflect the amount of marks available. |
| 4 | Your answer shows a sound level of understanding. |

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| | Even better if |
| 1 | Refer to Mac and Ghail's (1992) research. |
| 2 | Stick to just one point in your answer. |
| 3 | Give an example to demonstrate knowledge and understanding. |
| 4 | Practice writing exam questions in timed conditions to prepare for the exam. |

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The purpose of this book?

- This booklet has been designed to contain all the short answer exam questions you will do in Sociology.

- This means that every time your teacher instructs you to answer an exam question, you need to get this booklet out.
- This means that you will be able to monitor your exam preparations really easily. Your exercise books will therefore include homework and notes only.
- 12 mark questions and assessments will be completed on separate A4 lined paper and will be kept in your assessment folders.

How will these booklets be marked?

- Your teacher will give you a WWW and an EBI comment for every exam question completed in this booklet.
- Your teacher will make brief annotation around the answer as /when appropriate but this might not be necessary for every question.

Important things you need to do:

- Make sure you write the date for every question in the space provided.
- Do not take these booklets home.
- Make sure your work is neat and tidy