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Level of response marking instructions

Level of response mark schemes are broken down into levels, each of which has a descriptor. The descriptor for the level shows the average performance for the level. There are marks in each level.

Before you apply the mark scheme to a student's answer read through the answer and annotate it (as instructed) to show the qualities that are being looked for. You can then apply the mark scheme.

When a student responds with more responses than are required by the question you should mark all responses and then credit only the response that is worthy of the highest credit. For example, when students are asked to identify and explain **one** example but provide more, all should be marked but only the best example credited.

Step 1 Determine a level

Start at the lowest level of the mark scheme and use it as a ladder to see whether the answer meets the descriptor for that level. The descriptor for the level indicates the different qualities that might be seen in the student's answer for that level. If it meets the lowest level then go to the next one and decide if it meets this level, and so on, until you have a match between the level descriptor and the answer. With practice and familiarity you will find that for better answers you will be able to quickly skip through the lower levels of the mark scheme.

When assigning a level you should look at the overall quality of the answer and not look to pick holes in small and specific parts of the answer where the student has not performed quite as well as the rest. If the answer covers different aspects of different levels of the mark scheme you should use a best fit approach for defining the level and then use the variability of the response to help decide the mark within the level, i.e. if the response is predominantly level 3 with a small amount of level 4 material it would be placed in level 3 but be awarded a mark near the top of the level because of the level 4 content.

Step 2 Determine a mark

Once you have assigned a level you need to decide on the mark. The descriptors on how to allocate marks can help with this. The exemplar materials used during standardisation will help. There will be an answer in the standardising materials which will correspond with each level of the mark scheme. This answer will have been awarded a mark by the Lead Examiner. You can compare the student's answer with the example to determine if it is the same standard, better or worse than the example. You can then use this to allocate a mark for the answer based on the Lead Examiner's mark on the example.

You may well need to read back through the answer as you apply the mark scheme to clarify points and assure yourself that the level and the mark are appropriate.

Indicative content in the mark scheme is provided as a guide for examiners. It is not intended to be exhaustive and you must credit other valid points. Students do not have to cover all of the points mentioned in the Indicative content to reach the highest level of the mark scheme. Examples of additional relevant responses will be discussed at standardisation, if you have any doubts you should contact your team leader for clarification.

An answer which contains nothing of relevance to the question must be awarded no marks.

Examiners are required to assign each of the candidates' responses to the most appropriate level according to its overall quality, and then allocate a single mark within the level. When deciding upon a mark in a level examiners should bear in mind the relative weightings of the assessment objectives (see page 4) and be careful not to over/under credit a particular skill. This will be exemplified and reinforced as part of examiner training.

Assessment Objectives

AO1	Demonstrate knowledge and understanding of sociological theories, concepts, evidence and methods.
AO2	Apply knowledge and understanding of sociological theories, concepts, evidence and methods.
AO3	Analyse and evaluate sociological theories, concepts, evidence and methods in order to construct arguments, make judgements and draw conclusions.

Section A: Families

Qu	Marking guidance	Total marks															
01	What term is commonly used by sociologists to describe a family that consists of a couple whose children have moved out of the family home?	1															
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	<p>AO3 = 2 marks</p> <p>1 mark for providing evidence of an analysis of the item (by indicating a possible strength) demonstrating a line of argument relating either to methods or findings. (AO3)</p> <p>Plus</p> <p>1 mark for providing evidence of evaluation (making a judgement/reaching a conclusion) by indicating a reason why this element represents a possible strength. (AO3)</p> <p>Indicative content AO3</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The sample was nationally representative; therefore it would give a more accurate account of how housework is undertaken by heterosexual couples across the country rather than being restricted to one area, e.g. Greater London. • Many of the questions are repeated over time, so it is possible to measure any changes in social attitudes and behaviours over time regarding trends in the domestic division of labour. • Data easily accessible and relatively cheap to obtain, allowing for comparisons to be made with other surveys which suggest that there has or has not been a move towards symmetry. • Data likely to be more accurate as it is based on behaviours rather than attitudes towards gender roles in the home. 	

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1	1–3	<p>Fragments of basic knowledge and understanding of theories, concepts, evidence and methods relevant to the topic. Specialist terms generally used inappropriately if at all. (AO1)</p> <p>Little or no application of relevant theories, concepts, evidence and methods to the issues raised by the question. (AO2)</p> <p>Little or no analysis of the relevant theories, concepts, evidence and methods, assertion rather than evaluation, poorly constructed argument with little or no evidence of substantiated judgements and only cursory conclusions. (AO3)</p>
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Examiners are reminded that AO1, AO2 and AO3 are regarded as interdependent. When deciding on a mark all should be considered together using the best fit approach. For example a level 3 mark could be awarded for level 3 evidence across each objective, or a mixture of 4, 3 and 2 evidence across different objectives.

Indicative content AO1

- Functionalism.
- Feminism.
- Marxism.
- Alternative agencies of socialisation.
- Changes in the significance of the family as an agency of socialisation.

Indicative content AO2

- Functionalist perspectives on families as an agency of socialisation. Reference to Parsons' functionalist account of primary socialisation.
- Feminist perspectives on families as helping to preserve patriarchy as a consequence of socialisation.
- Marxist perspectives on families as a unit of consumption supporting the capitalist system as a consequence of socialisation.
- Alternative agencies of socialisation, e.g. the education system and the mass media.
- Evidence for/against the reduced significance of the family as an agent of socialisation.

Indicative content AO3

- Analysis and evaluation of functionalist theories e.g. the extent to which Parsons' view is significant.
- Analysis and evaluation of feminist theories e.g. the extent to which Oakley's view is significant.
- Analysis and evaluation of Marxist theories e.g. the extent to which Zaretsky's argument remains significant.
- Analysis and evaluation of the significance of other agents of socialisation e.g. the role of the mass media/social media.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Analysis and evaluation of evidence for the reduced significance of the family as an agency of socialisation e.g. to what extent has this function been/or not been replaced by alternative agencies. • Evidence based judgements and conclusions relating to the issue of extent (how far would sociologists agree) e.g. in the judgement of the student how far does the evidence support the premise of the question that families are the main agent of socialisation. <p>The list of indicative content is not intended to be exhaustive and any other relevant points should be credited. It is not necessary for a student to cover all of the above in order to attain full marks provided they have made a well-supported argument.</p>	
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Indicative content AO1

- Functionalist perspective.
- Feminist perspective.
- Marxist perspective.
- Cultural/ethnic differences
- Changing social attitudes.
- Changing role of women.
- Cost of marriage.
- The Marriage (Same Sex Couples) Act of 2013, allowing same-sex couples to legally marry.
- Secularisation.
- Official statistics.

Indicative content AO2

- Functionalist perspective: the functional importance of marriage and family life eg ensuring the health and survival of society.
- Feminist perspective: marriage as primarily of benefit to men.
- Marxist perspective: marriage and conventional family life as beneficial to the capitalist economic system.
- Cultural ethnic differences: for example marriage is still seen as very important in British Asian family life.
- Changing social attitudes: less stigma attached to living together without being married today than in previous years.
- Changing role of women: for example women's growing financial independence means they have less need for security of marriage and support from men.
- Cost of marriage: the average cost of a wedding in Britain is now over £20,000. Cohabiting may well be seen by many couples as a cheaper option.
- Same sex couples: demand for legal changes and the popularity of marriage amongst same sex couples (for example in 2015 over 9,000 same sex couples converted their civil partnership into a marriage).
- Secularisation: the decline of religious observance as a contributory factor eg

	<p>cohabitation is no longer commonly regarded as 'sinful'.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Official statistics: whilst many people are still marrying a recent decline in the number of people marrying suggests it may be considered less important (a decrease of 3.4 % compared to 2014). <p>Indicative content AO3</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Analysis and evaluation of the functionalist perspective on the importance of marriage.• Analysis and evaluation of the feminist perspective on the importance of marriage.• Analysis and evaluation of the Marxist perspective on the importance of marriage.• Analysis and evaluation of the cultural and ethnic differences relating to the importance of marriage.• Analysis and evaluation of changing social attitudes as a significant factor.• Analysis and evaluation of the changing role of women in society as a significant factor.• Analysis and evaluation of the cost of marriage as a significant factor.• Analysis and evaluation of the significance of same sex marriage.• Analysis and evaluation of secularisation as a significant factor.• Analysis and evaluation of relevant official statistics.• Evidence based judgements and conclusions relating to the issue of extent (how far would sociologists agree) eg in the judgement of the student how far does the evidence suggest the premise of the question that marriage is still important in Britain today. <p>The list of indicative content is not intended to be exhaustive and any other relevant points should be credited. It is not necessary for a student to cover all of the above in order to attain full marks provided they have made a well-supported argument.</p>	
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Indicative content AO1

- Marxist perspectives.
- Functionalist perspectives.
- Feminist perspectives.
- Internal factors.
- External factors.
- Relevant statistical information on differences in attainment of students from different social class backgrounds.

Indicative content AO2

- Marxist perspectives on socio-economic class as a determinant of educational success e.g. the ideas of Willis and others regarding the educational under-achievement of working class students.
- Functionalist perspectives on the education system as meritocratic.
- Feminist perspectives on the education system as patriarchal e.g. limiting the aspirations and future career choices of female students.
- Internal factors e.g. setting and streaming as potentially benefitting middle class students.
- External factors e.g. the cost of higher education potentially limiting the achievement and aspirations of working class students.
- Relevant statistical information e.g. research by groups such as the Sutton Trust.

Indicative content AO3

- Analysis and evaluation of Marxist perspectives e.g. evidence for the continued under-performance of working class students.
- Analysis and evaluation of Functionalist perspectives e.g. evidence against the idea that the education system is truly meritocratic.

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- Marxist perspectives e.g. Bowles and Gintis.
- Feminist perspectives.
- National curriculum.
- Hidden curriculum.

Indicative content AO2

- Functionalist perspectives e.g. what is taught in school reflects the norms and values of the wider society (such as a general acceptance of capitalism and material values).
- Marxist perspectives e.g. on how the education system helps to produce a compliant workforce suitable for the needs of the capitalist economic system (the 'correspondence principle').
- Feminist perspectives e.g. on the benefit to capitalism of traditional gender roles as perpetuated by a male dominated/patriarchal education system.
- National curriculum e.g. the inclusion of elements that promote 'economic understanding' but which generally favour a capitalist world view.
- Hidden curriculum e.g. the importance of obeying school rules prepares students for the demands of the workplace/capitalist economic system.

Indicative content AO3

- Analysis and evaluation of functionalist perspectives e.g. the criticism that schools are ineffective in promoting capitalist values.
- Analysis and evaluation of the Marxist perspective e.g. that schools do not produce a compliant workforce that unquestioningly accepts the capitalist economic system.
- Analysis and evaluation of the feminist perspective e.g. that the education system no longer limits the aspirations of female students.
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