



GCE AS/A LEVEL – NEW

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SOCIOLOGY – AS unit 1
Acquiring Culture

TUESDAY, 16 MAY 2017 – MORNING

1 hour 15 minutes

ADDITIONAL MATERIALS

A WJEC pink 16-page answer booklet.

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

Answer Section A.

Answer **one** question from Section B.

Use black ink or black ball-point pen.

You are advised to divide your time according to the mark allocation given.

Write your answers in the separate answer booklet provided.

INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES

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

You are reminded that assessment will take into account the quality of written communication used in your answers.

Credit will be given for reference to recent public debate and research publications.

SECTION A***Compulsory question***

1. Read the item below and answer the following questions.

Young people spend a large amount of their leisure time using various forms of the media. They are presented with vast amounts of content that can impact on their norms and values. Some people believe that this can have a negative influence on the identity of these young people. Others believe that the media transmit important messages about **culture**.

- (a) With reference to the item and sociological knowledge, explain the meaning of the term **culture**. [5]
- (b) Using material from the item and sociological knowledge, explain how any **two** agents of socialisation influence young people. [10]

SECTION B

*Choose **one** of the following options.*

Either,

Option 1: Families and Households

Compulsory question

2. (a) (i) Explain the meaning of the term household. [5]
- (ii) Recent research suggests that many grandparents are increasingly involved in caring for their grandchildren.
- Explain **two** sociological reasons for this. [10]

Either,

- (b) Assess the New Right view of the family. [30]

Or,

- (c) Discuss the view that gender roles are equal within families in the contemporary UK. [30]

Or,

Option 2: Youth Cultures

Compulsory question

3. (a) (i) Explain the meaning of the term youth culture. [5]
- (ii) Early youth subcultures were formed as a result of a number of different social changes.
- Explain the influence of **two** of these changes on youth subcultures. [10]

Either,

- (b) Assess the functionalist view of youth culture. [30]

Or,

- (c) Discuss the view that there is a close link between social class and youth subcultures. [30]

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