



General Certificate of Secondary Education
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Sociology

41902

Unit 2

Thursday 31 January 2013 1.30 pm to 3.00 pm

For this paper you must have:

- an AQA 12-page answer book.

Time allowed

- 1 hour 30 minutes

Instructions

- Use black ink or black ball-point pen.
- Write the information required on the front of your answer book. The **Examining Body** for this paper is AQA. The **Paper Reference** is 41902.
- This paper is divided into **four** Topic Areas. Answer **three** Topics only.

Topic 1: Answer **all** questions in Section 1 **and one** question from Section 2.

Topic 2: Answer **all** questions in Section 3 **and one** question from Section 4.

Topic 3: Answer **all** questions in Section 5 **and one** question from Section 6.

Topic 4: Answer **all** questions in Section 7 **and one** question from Section 8.

- Do all rough work in your answer book. Cross through any work you do not want to be marked.

Information

- The marks for questions are shown in brackets.
- The maximum mark for this paper is 90.
- Questions carrying 12 marks should be answered in continuous prose. In these questions you will be marked on your ability to:
 - use good English
 - organise information clearly
 - use specialist vocabulary where appropriate.

Advice

- You are advised to spend about **30 minutes** answering each of the **three** topics.

Topic 1: Crime and Deviance

Answer **all** questions in **Section 1** and **one** question from **Section 2**.

Total for this topic: 30 marks

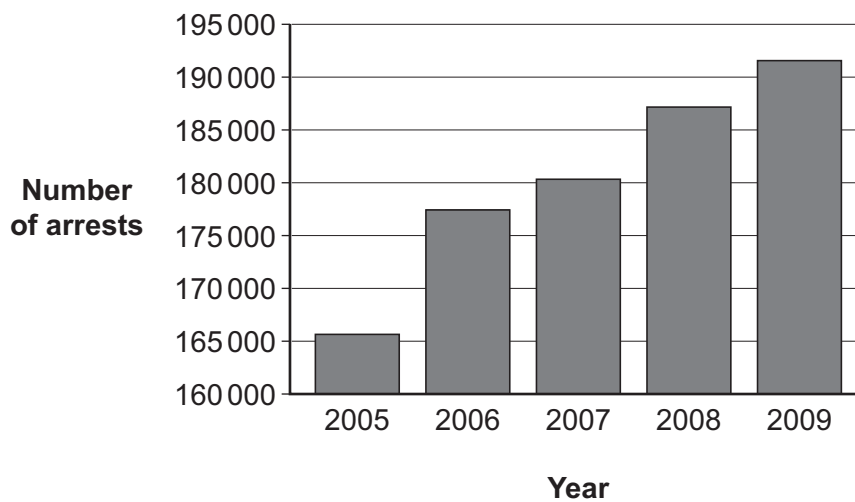
Study **Items A and B** and answer the questions that follow.

Item A

In the 1800s, many people believed that those who broke the law were basically evil. However, one American writer in the 1960s suggested that criminals actually share the same values as the rest of society, and just drift in and out of criminal activity. More recently, some sociologists have tried to find links between crime and social factors such as family background or education.

Item B

Number of female adults arrested in England and Wales 2005–2009



Section 1

- 0 1** From **Item A**, what did many people in the 1800s believe about those who broke the law? (1 mark)
- 0 2** From **Item B**, in which year were the fewest female adults arrested? (1 mark)
- 0 3** Identify **two** types of white-collar crime. (2 marks)
- 0 4** Explain what sociologists mean by a criminal stereotype. (4 marks)
- 0 5** Describe **one** advantage of victim surveys **and** explain why some sociologists have doubts about their use. (5 marks)
- 0 6** Describe **one** way in which the police have tried to improve their relationship with minority ethnic groups **and** explain how successful this has been. (5 marks)

Section 2**EITHER**

- 0 7** Discuss how far sociologists would agree that deviant and criminal behaviour results from poor socialisation in childhood. (12 marks)

OR

- 0 8** Discuss how far sociologists would agree that women today are just as likely as men to commit crime. (12 marks)

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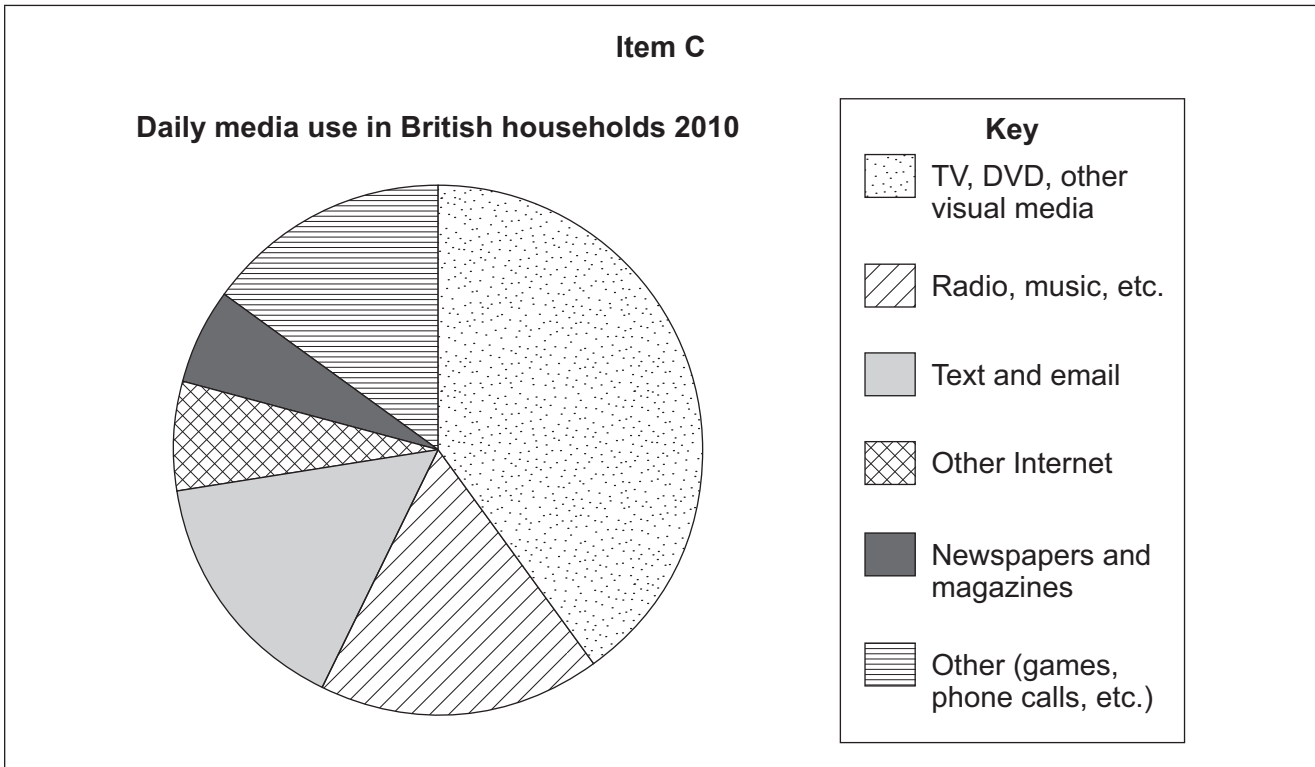
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Topic 2: Mass Media

Answer **all** questions in **Section 3** and **one** question from **Section 4**.

Total for this topic: 30 marks

Study **Items C and D** and answer the questions that follow.



Item D

Violence on TV affects sleep patterns, says report

Researchers surveyed the parents of about 600 pre-school children aged from three to five years old for a report published in 2011. They found that children who were allowed to watch TV programmes containing violent scenes had more problems sleeping than those who did not watch violence.

Section 3

- 0 9** From **Item C**, which type of media was used most? *(1 mark)*
- 1 0** From **Item D**, who were surveyed for the report? *(1 mark)*
- 1 1** Identify **two** reasons why an event has news value. *(2 marks)*
- 1 2** Explain what sociologists mean by hyperreality. *(4 marks)*
- 1 3** Describe **one** way in which groups such as environmentalists might use digital media to promote their cause **and** explain how successful this might be. *(5 marks)*
- 1 4** Describe **one** way in which the mass media may amplify deviance **and** explain how this may affect some minority social groups. *(5 marks)*

Section 4**EITHER**

- 1 5** Discuss how far sociologists would agree that the audience decides what is seen and heard in the mass media. *(12 marks)*

OR

- 1 6** Discuss how far sociologists would agree that violence in the mass media leads to violence in real life. *(12 marks)*

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Topic 3: Power

Answer **all** questions in **Section 5** and **one** question from **Section 6**.

Total for this topic: 30 marks

Study **Items E and F** and answer the questions that follow.

Item E

Membership of the three main British political parties between 1991 and 2011

Year	Conservative	Labour	Liberal Democrat
1991	500 000*	261 000	91 000
2001	311 000	272 000	73 000
2011	177 000	190 000	66 000

* approximately

Item F

The Coalition cabinet meets for the first time



In 2010, David Cameron became Prime Minister of the first coalition government in several decades. His cabinet was one of the wealthiest in recent history, with 23 of the 29 people who attended the first meeting being millionaires.

Section 5

- 1 7** From **Item E**, which political party was the only one to increase its membership between 1991 and 2001? *(1 mark)*
- 1 8** From **Item F**, how many people who attended David Cameron's first cabinet meeting were millionaires? *(1 mark)*
- 1 9** Identify **two** ways in which children today have power over their education. *(2 marks)*
- 2 0** Explain what sociologists mean by authority. *(4 marks)*
- 2 1** Describe **one** way in which the poor have less power than others in society **and** explain why this situation continues. *(5 marks)*
- 2 2** Describe **one** way in which recent governments have tried to reduce unemployment **and** explain how successful this has been. *(5 marks)*

Section 6**EITHER**

- 2 3** Discuss how far sociologists would agree that in Britain today pressure groups are more attractive to young people than political parties. *(12 marks)*

OR

- 2 4** Discuss how far sociologists would agree that in Britain today political power is in the hands of wealthy men. *(12 marks)*

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Topic 4: Social Inequality

Answer **all** questions in **Section 7** and **one** question from **Section 8**.

Total for this topic: 30 marks

Study **Items G and H** and answer the questions that follow.

Item G**Social mobility and region**

A report published in 2011 looked at reasons why social mobility in England varied between regions.

The report found that people who lived in south-west England were 83% more likely to suffer downward social mobility compared with people who lived in London. The figure for people living in north-east England was 73%.

Item H**People queue outside a Job Centre as unemployment rises**

In 2011, the number of young people aged between 16 and 24 who were out of work rose to one million. This meant that the unemployment rate for this group was over twice that for the population as a whole. Some writers fear that the current generation of young people faces a lifetime of long-term unemployment.

Section 7

- 2 5** From **Item G**, which region was 73% more likely to suffer downward social mobility than London? *(1 mark)*
- 2 6** From **Item H**, how many young people aged between 16 and 24 were out of work in 2011? *(1 mark)*
- 2 7** Identify **one** advantage and **one** disadvantage of using an absolute definition of poverty. *(2 marks)*
- 2 8** Explain what sociologists mean by patriarchy. *(4 marks)*
- 2 9** Describe **one** life chance which may be affected by an individual's ethnicity **and** explain why this happens. *(5 marks)*
- 3 0** Describe **one** consequence of poverty for an individual **and** explain why it may be difficult for the individual to escape from this situation. *(5 marks)*

Section 8**EITHER**

- 3 1** Discuss how far sociologists would agree that in Britain today a person's status is based on his or her achievements. *(12 marks)*

OR

- 3 2** Discuss how far sociologists would agree that there is an underclass in Britain today. *(12 marks)*

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