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# Sociology

# 41902

## Unit 2 Crime and Deviance; Mass Media; Power; Social Inequality

Dateline

You will need no other materials.

### Time allowed

- 1 hour 30 minutes

### Instructions

- Use black ink or black ball-point pen.
- Fill in the boxes at the top of this page.
- This paper is divided into **four** topics. 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.
- You must answer the questions in the spaces provided. Do not write outside the box around each page or on blank pages.
- Do all rough work in this 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.



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### Topic 1 Crime and Deviance

Study **Items A and B** (below). Answer **all** questions in **Section 1 and one** question from **Section 2** in the spaces provided.

#### Item A

##### Use of 'stop and search' on black people increased in 2011, says newspaper

A study quoted in a national newspaper claimed that, in 2011, black people were 30 times more likely than white people to be stopped and searched by the police.

Some sociologists argue that such figures prove that the police deliberately target minority ethnic groups, and are still institutionally racist.

#### Item B

##### The social background of schoolchildren involved in the 2011 riots

Level of deprivation	Percentage (%) of those appearing in court	Percentage (%) of total school population
Very deprived households	65	23
Households with above-average deprivation	24	20
Households with average deprivation	8	29
Least deprived households	3	28

#### Section 1

- 1 From **Item A**, how many more times were black people likely to be stopped and searched than white people?

[1 mark]

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2 From **Item B**, what percentage of those appearing in court came from households with above-average deprivation? (**Tick the correct box.**)

[1 mark]

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3 Identify **two** methods that sociologists use to measure levels of crime in society.

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4 Explain what sociologists mean by deviance.

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**5** Describe **one** reason why women commit less crime than men **and** explain why some sociologists believe that this may be changing.

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**6** Describe **one** way in which recent governments have tried to reduce deviant and criminal behaviour by young people **and** explain how successful this has been.

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## Topic 2 Mass Media

Study **Items C and D** (below). Answer **all** questions in **Section 3** and **one** question from **Section 4** in the spaces provided.

### Item C

#### The News of the World closes in July 2011

News International Group Ltd, the owners of the News of the World, decided to close the paper after its staff were accused of 'hacking' private phones, including that of a missing schoolgirl who was later found murdered.

### Item D

#### Media in children's bedrooms in 2010 by age group

	Percentage (%) with a TV	Percentage (%) with internet access	Percentage (%) with a games console
<b>Aged 5–7</b>	51	3	45
<b>Aged 8–11</b>	64	14	69
<b>Aged 12–15</b>	77	41	71

### Section 3

- 9** From **Item C**, what were the staff of the News of the World accused of doing? **[1 mark]**

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- 10** From **Item D**, what percentage of children aged 8–11 had a games console in their bedrooms? (**Tick the correct box.**) **[1 mark]**

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**11** Identify **two** ways in which politicians can try to influence the mass media. **[2 marks]**

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**12** Explain what sociologists studying the mass media mean by globalisation. **[4 marks]**

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**13** Describe **one** way in which the mass media stereotype women **and** explain why such stereotypes continue in the mass media today. **[5 marks]**

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Describe **one** way in which governments have tried to control the power of digital media **and** explain why this may not have been successful.

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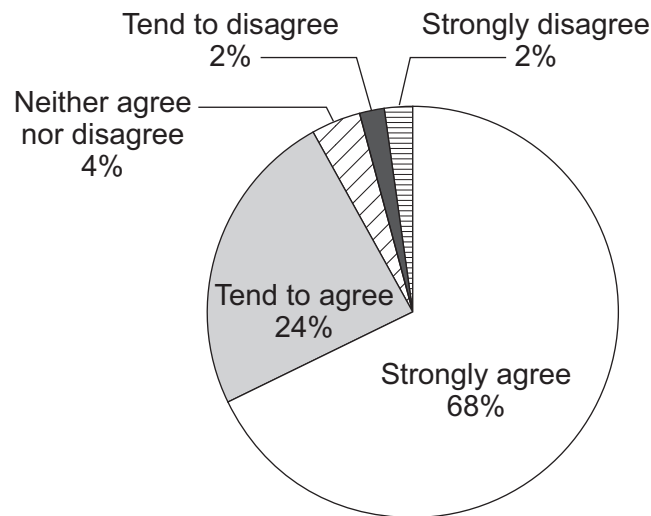
### Topic 3 Power

Study **Items E and F** (below). Answer **all** questions in **Section 5** and **one** question from **Section 6** in the spaces provided.

#### Item E

##### Attitudes to the Welfare State

A survey carried out in 2011 asked people whether they agreed with having a benefits system for anyone needing it.



#### Item F

##### Are women still suffering discrimination in the workplace?

A government survey in 2011 found that, on average, men earned about £200 more per week than women. There were roughly the same number of men and women working, but many women only did part-time work. This was one of the main reasons why they were paid less.

Some sociologists say that this shows that there is still discrimination against women in the workplace.



**Section 5**

**17** From **Item E**, what percentage of those surveyed tended to agree with having a benefits system? (**Tick the correct box.**)

**[1 mark]**

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**18** From **Item F**, what was one of the main reasons why women were paid less than men? **[1 mark]**

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**19** Identify **two** features of a democratic society. **[2 marks]**

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**20** Explain what sociologists mean by a pressure group. **[4 marks]**

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**21** Describe **one** way in which a group of employees can try to increase its power in the workplace **and** explain why some groups of employees are more successful than others.

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**22** Describe **one** way in which politicians have tried to increase the participation of young people in the political process **and** explain how successful this has been.

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### Topic 4 Social Inequality

Study **Items G and H**. Answer **all** questions in **Section 7** and **one** question from **Section 8** in the spaces provided.

#### Item G

##### Why are some people poor?

A survey in 2011 asked people about the various causes of poverty. Of those surveyed, 75% said that drug and alcohol abuse was a major factor, and 25% also said people were poor because they lacked willpower. In addition, 65% of respondents said that people were poor because they did not want to work and preferred living on benefits.

However, about 40% of those surveyed also said poverty was just a normal part of everyday life.

#### Item H

##### Pensioners face rising fuel poverty

In a national newspaper report in 2012, a major charity is quoted as saying that half of the elderly people they surveyed are turning down their heating because it is too expensive.

The charity says that two million elderly people are going to bed to keep warm, even though they are not tired, because they cannot afford the rising cost of fuel.

### Section 7

- 25** From **Item G**, what percentage of those surveyed thought the main cause of poverty was caused by people not wanting to work? (**Tick the correct box.**)

[1 mark]

25%

40%

65%

- 26** From **Item H**, why are half of the elderly people surveyed turning down their heating?

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27 Identify **one** advantage and **one** disadvantage of means-tested benefits.

[2 marks]

**Advantage** .....

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**Disadvantage** .....

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28 Explain what sociologists mean by social stratification.

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Describe **one** cause of social exclusion **and** explain why some social groups are more likely to experience social exclusion than others.

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Describe **one** way in which social class can affect an individual's life chances **and** explain why this situation continues to happen in Britain today.

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