
SOCIOLOGY

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Paper 2 Theory and methods

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1 hour 30 minutes

No Additional Materials are required.

READ THESE INSTRUCTIONS FIRST

An answer booklet is provided inside this question paper. You should follow the instructions on the front cover of the answer booklet. If you need additional answer paper ask the invigilator for a continuation booklet.

Answer Question 1 and **either** Question 2 **or** Question 3.

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



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Section A

Answer question 1.

The process by which individuals learn the culture of their society is known as socialisation. Primary socialisation, probably the most important part of the socialisation process, takes place during the early years of life, usually within the family. Learning plays an essential part in creating social beings and this takes place primarily through interaction with others. At an early age individuals become aware of the existence of others and take this knowledge into account as they form their own identities. Most sociologists suggest that the identities that are formed during socialisation, far from being natural, are linked to social roles and are thus *socially constructed*. For example, gender roles are shaped by learning the forms of behaviour that are thought appropriate to one gender and inappropriate to the other gender.

- 1 (a) What is meant by the term *socially constructed*? [2]
- (b) Describe **two** ways in which the family contributes to the formation of gender roles. [4]
- (c) Explain how infants learn to interact with other people. [8]
- (d) Assess feminist explanations of gender differences. [11]

Section B

Answer **either** question 2 **or** question 3.

- 2 'The Marxist model of how society works has many limitations and few strengths.' Explain and assess this view. [25]
- 3 'All research methods have strengths, but they are most effective when combined together.' Explain and assess this view. [25]

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