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Generic Marking Principles

These general marking principles must be applied by all examiners when marking candidate answers. They should be applied alongside the specific content of the mark scheme or generic level descriptors for a question. Each question paper and mark scheme will also comply with these marking principles.

GENERIC MARKING PRINCIPLE 1:

Marks must be awarded in line with:

- the specific content of the mark scheme or the generic level descriptors for the question
- the specific skills defined in the mark scheme or in the generic level descriptors for the question
- the standard of response required by a candidate as exemplified by the standardisation scripts.

GENERIC MARKING PRINCIPLE 2:

Marks awarded are always whole marks (not half marks, or other fractions).

GENERIC MARKING PRINCIPLE 3:

Marks must be awarded **positively**:

- marks are awarded for correct/valid answers, as defined in the mark scheme. However, credit
 is given for valid answers which go beyond the scope of the syllabus and mark scheme,
 referring to your Team Leader as appropriate
- marks are awarded when candidates clearly demonstrate what they know and can do
- marks are not deducted for errors
- marks are not deducted for omissions
- answers should only be judged on the quality of spelling, punctuation and grammar when these
 features are specifically assessed by the question as indicated by the mark scheme. The
 meaning, however, should be unambiguous.

GENERIC MARKING PRINCIPLE 4:

Rules must be applied consistently, e.g. in situations where candidates have not followed instructions or in the application of generic level descriptors.

GENERIC MARKING PRINCIPLE 5:

Marks should be awarded using the full range of marks defined in the mark scheme for the question (however; the use of the full mark range may be limited according to the quality of the candidate responses seen).

GENERIC MARKING PRINCIPLE 6:

Marks awarded are based solely on the requirements as defined in the mark scheme. Marks should not be awarded with grade thresholds or grade descriptors in mind.

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Social Science–Specific Marking Principles (for point-based marking)

1 Components using point-based marking:

Point marking is often used to reward knowledge, understanding and application of skills.
 We give credit where the candidate's answer shows relevant knowledge, understanding and application of skills in answering the question. We do not give credit where the answer shows confusion.

From this it follows that we:

- **a** DO credit answers which are worded differently from the mark scheme if they clearly convey the same meaning (unless the mark scheme requires a specific term)
- **b** DO credit alternative answers/examples which are not written in the mark scheme if they are correct
- **c** DO credit answers where candidates give more than one correct answer in one prompt/numbered/scaffolded space where extended writing is required rather than list-type answers. For example, questions that require *n* reasons (e.g. State two reasons ...).
- **d** DO NOT credit answers simply for using a 'key term' unless that is all that is required. (Check for evidence it is understood and not used wrongly.)
- DO NOT credit answers which are obviously self-contradicting or trying to cover all possibilities
- **f** DO NOT give further credit for what is effectively repetition of a correct point already credited unless the language itself is being tested. This applies equally to 'mirror statements' (i.e. polluted/not polluted).

2 Presentation of mark scheme:

- Slashes (/) or the word 'or' separate alternative ways of making the same point.
- Semi colons (;) bullet points (•) or figures in brackets (1) separate different points.
- Content in the answer column in brackets is for examiner information/context to clarify the marking but is not required to earn the mark (except Accounting syllabuses where they indicate negative numbers).

Using the mark scheme

Some of the questions are marked using a point-based system, awarding marks for specific points and accumulating a total mark by adding points.

Some of the questions are marked using level of response. For these, the level description represents performance at the top of the level.

For levels of response marking you should:

- award a mark at the top of the level if all criteria in the level are met
- consider the level descriptions across the full range, bearing in mind that it is not necessary for a candidate to give a faultless performance for maximum marks to be awarded within any single category
- award marks on a 'best-fit' basis; thus, compensation between higher and lower achievement for different criteria is acceptable.

For Question 4 and Question 5, award a mark for each assessment objective separately, using the level descriptions at the end of the mark scheme.

In some cases, candidates may provide a response which the mark scheme has not predicted. These answers should nevertheless be credited according to their quality

Question	Answer	Marks
1	Describe two ways that roles in the family have become more equal.	4
	Indicative content	
	 Men taking on a greater share of housework/growth of 'New Man' – women no longer burdened with doing most/all of the housework Men have a more active role in childcare/growth in 'new dads' – responsibility for childcare is now less likely to fall solely on the woman/mother Females taking a more active role in decision making – has reduced the influence of patriarchy on the family Increasingly women are becoming breadwinners alongside the men – has given women more power/greater decision making in the relationship Children and parents have a more egalitarian relationship – children are less likely to considered as powerless/children have a greater role in decision making Increase in joint conjugal roles/symmetrical families – men and women are sharing traditional instrumental/expressive roles more equally Growth in dual income families – men and women are both breadwinners for the family Any other appropriate way 	
	Reward a maximum of two ways . For each, up to 2 marks are available:	
	1 mark for identifying a way that roles have become more equal.	
	1 mark for describing how the way has led to greater equality.	
	(2 × 2 marks)	

Question	Answer	Marks
2(a)	Explain two ways the family benefits its members, according to functionalists.	8
	 Indicative content Comforts the breadwinner/acts as a warm bath/safety valve – ensure they are destressed and fit for work/promotes emotional well-being of its members by helping them release stresses/tension stabilises adult personalities – family provides an outlet for adults to express their childish whims Socialisation of children – ensure they become functional members in society Satisfaction/regulation of sex drive – ensuring sexual desires are satisfied Fulfills basic/economic needs – ensure survival of family members Family acts as a bridge – connects the individual from the micro world of the family to the macro world of a wider economic society (Horwitz) Carrying out of instrumental and expressive roles – ensures the family functions effectively for its members Any other appropriate way For this question, use of sociological material is likely to be demonstrated through references to functionalist sociologists e.g. Murdock, Parsons and concepts such as warm bath, primary socialisation etc. Reward a maximum of two ways. Up to 4 marks are available for each way. 1 mark for making a point/giving a way (e.g. the family provides comfort). 1 mark for explaining that point (e.g. the family acts to relieve the pressures of work, to soothe and relax the breadwinner). 1 mark for explaining how the material supports the point (e.g. men can immerse themselves into family life, relieving the pressures and strains of 	

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Question	Answer	Marks
2(b)	Explain one strength and one limitation of the functionalist view of the family.	6
	Indicative content	
	 Strengths: Highlights the important connections between the nuclear family and other social institutions/wider society/organic analogy Recognises the family as beneficial for its members as it fulfills their needs/acknowledges the positive aspects of the family, unlike Marxism and radical feminism Highlights the importance of stable families to both its members and wider society Any other appropriate strength Limitations: 	
	 Assumes the family is always positive for members/fails to acknowledge the dark side of the family Out of date/old fashioned view of gendered roles Has too rosy a picture of the family/Fails to acknowledge the exploitation that takes place within the family due to capitalism/patriarchy Assumes the family is beneficial for all of society – Marxists would argue only benefits the ruling class/capitalism Ignores family diversity/idealised view of the nuclear family being the only 'proper family type' Criticisms of the evidence base for functionalist theory (e.g. Laslett/Anderson criticisms of Parsons) Biased towards a westernised view of the family Any other appropriate limitation 	
	Reward a maximum of one strength . For each strength, up to 3 marks are available: 1 mark for identifying a strength of functionalism (e.g. highlights the important connections between the nuclear family and society).	
	1 mark for describing why functionalism has this strength (e.g. explores how the family performs functional pre-requisites for social harmony and for society to continue).	
	1 mark for explaining why it is a strength (e.g. this view has been influential in state policies; e.g. supporting the nuclear family for the wider social good e.g. married couples allowance).	
	Reward a maximum of one limitation . For this limitation, up to 3 marks are available:	
	1 mark for identifying a limitation of functionalism (e.g. it fails to acknowledge the dark side of family life).	

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Question	Answer	Marks
2(b)	1 mark for describing why functionalism has this limitation (e.g. because they focus on the positive functions the family performs for individuals/society).	
	1 mark for explaining why it is a limitation (e.g. they fail to recognise that violence and oppression can occur in the family as highlighted by feminists).	
	(2 × 3 marks)	

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Question	Answer		
3(a)	'Ethnicity is the main factor affecting the experiences of children in the family.'	10	
	Explain this view		
	Indicative content		
	 Educational expectations parents place upon their children and how this affects their experiences e.g. Asian Tiger moms Differing castes and how this affects their experiences in the family Religious beliefs and practices of the family and how this affects the children's experiences Cultural practices of the family that reflect wider society's laws e.g. low age of marriage – child daughters are often married off/child brides or girls denied an education Generational conflict that can arise from western cultural influences clashing with traditional values and beliefs African and Caribbean more likely to be female headed lone parent families – lack a male role model/lack discipline which may lead to deviance within their childhood (New Right) Some cultures maintain traditional gender roles within the family – children can often imitate these/be limited by these Higher levels of control in some Indian and Chinese families – girls in particular are given fewer freedoms in childhood than boys Examples of ethnicities/cultures that have particular expectations of children within families e.g. child brides/working to support their family etc. Some ethnicities/cultures have a sense of duty towards elderly relatives – young children can often undertake caring duties May be raised in a majority ethnic family with hateful view towards minority ethnic groups – can develop own such views 		
	Any other appropriate point Levels of response		
	 Level 3: 8–10 marks Good knowledge and understanding of the view that ethnicity is the most important factor affecting the experiences of children in the family. The response contains two clear and developed points. Sociological materials such as concepts, theories and evidence, will be used to support both points. The material selected is appropriate and focused on the question with its relevance made clear. 		
	 Level 2: 4–7 marks Some knowledge and understanding of the view that ethnicity is the most important factor affecting the experiences of children in the family. The response contains one clear and developed point and one relevant but underdeveloped point. Sociological material is used to support at least one point. The material selected is appropriate but not clearly focused on the question or its relevance is not made clear. 		

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Question	Answer	Marks
3(a)	 Level 1: 1–3 marks Limited knowledge and understanding of the view that ethnicity is the most important factor affecting the experiences of children in the family. The response contains one relevant but undeveloped point and one (or more) point/s related to the general topic rather than the specific question. Any supporting material lacks focus on the specific question. Level 0: 0 marks No response worthy of credit. 	

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Question	Answer	Marks
3(b)	'Ethnicity is the main factor affecting the experiences of children in the family.'	6
	Using sociological material, give one argument against this view.	
	Indicative content	
	 Parenting style/values of parents has more impact Impact of gender expectations 	
	Impact of social class on wider cultural experiences e.g. experience cultural deprivation which may limit their personal growth/middle class parents more likely to see their children as a project to perfect/influence of cultural capital determines experiences e.g. middle class children attending museums etc.	
	Impact of family's economic position e.g. less well-off may experience material deprivation which affects their living conditions/educational experiences/health	
	Age patriarchy and control over children's lives	
	 Negative impact of child abuse Inter-relationship of ethnicity with gender/class; e.g. girls restricted more by religious rules 	
	There is a wide variation in experiences within ethnic groups, that generalisations cannot be made	
	 Less likely to be true in culturally heterogeneous societies Postmodernism characterised by freedom of choice – the influence of ethnicity on the experiences of children has significantly reduced Any other appropriate point 	
	Levels of response	
	Level 3: 5–6 marks	
	 One clear and developed argument against the view that ethnicity is the main factor affecting the experiences of children in the family. Sociological material, such as concepts, theories and evidence, is used to support the argument. The material selected is appropriate and 	
	focused on the question with its relevance made clear.	
	Level 2: 3–4 marks	
	 One clear but underdeveloped argument against the view that ethnicity is the main factor affecting the experiences of children in the family. The material selected is appropriate but not clearly focused on the question or its relevance to the argument is not made clear. 	
	Level 1: 1–2 marks	
	One point disagreeing with the view that ethnicity is the main factor affecting the experiences of children in the family, which is undeveloped or lacking clarity.	
	Any supporting material lacks focus on the specific question.	
	Level 0: 0 marks	
	No response worthy of credit.	

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Question 4	Answer			Marks
	Evaluate the view that the improved position of women in society is the main reason for a decline in marriage. Indicative content			26
		In support of the view	Against the view	
	Points	 Increased economic independence – no longer need to marry for economic security Increasingly give priority to career/education over marriage/family Women's expectations of marriage have risen – less willing to take on demands of housewife and mother/cohabitating women tend to take on less housework than married women Increased individualism – women's relationships based more on necessity and self-fulfilment rather than traditional expectation, less likely to marry Increasingly patriarchy is being rejected as women gain improved social status Social policies have given women more rights – has improved their status and opportunities Change in social expectations of women – no longer tied to/expected to follow traditional norms of marriage/family Improved access to contraception – women have more control of their bodies and can avoid pregnancy 	 Greater choice – no longer tied to traditional family form/growth in family diversity e.g. cohabitation Welfare system – young mothers don't need to rely on child's father for financial support as state can provide assistance Increased levels of remarriage/growth in same sex marriage – shows marriage not necessarily in decline Increased cost of wedding – cohabit as cannot afford a lavish event Women's position has not improved/cannot improve due to existing patriarchy Secularisation – declining influence on marriage – no longer sinful to cohabitate More people wishing to avoid the risk of a potentially expensive divorce Reduced stigma/changing social attitudes – living together/having children out of wedlock is no longer seen as taboo Introduction of Divorce Acts – made ending marriage easier 	

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Question	Answer		
4		In support of the view	Against the view
	Points	Any other relevant point	 Marriage is still something that women pursue, despite improved position Decline In extended family influence Any other relevant point Reduced functions of the family means marriage no longer a necessity Declining influence of extended family Any other relevant point
	Research Evidence	Sharpe, Chester, Wilkinson, Hochschild, postmodernism, feminism.	Beck, functionalism, Murray, New Right, Fletcher, post modernism, radical feminism.
	Evidence	Sharpe, Chester, Wilkinson, Hochschild, postmodernism, liberal feminism.	Beck, functionalism, Murray, New Right, Fletcher, post modernism, radical feminism.
	Additional concepts	Dual career/income families, patriarchy, consumer culture, individualism, Equal Pay Act, cohabitation, new man, new father, globalisation.	Risk society, globalisation, Divorce Reform Acts, remarriage.
	The above content is indicative and other relevant approaches to the question should be rewarded appropriately.		
	Levels of resp	oonse for Question 4	
		•	D1, up to 8 marks for AO2, and

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Question		Answer		Marks
4	Levels of	response		
	Level	AO1: Knowledge and Understanding	Marks	
	4	 Good knowledge and understanding of the view that the improved position of women in society is the main reason for a decline in marriage. The response contains a range of detailed points with good use of concepts and theory/research evidence. 	7–8	
	3	 Reasonable knowledge and understanding of the view that the improved position of women in society is the main reason for a decline in marriage. The response contains a narrow range of detailed points or a wider range of underdeveloped points, with some use of concepts or theory or research evidence. 	5–6	
	2	 Basic knowledge and understanding of the view that the improved position of women in society is the main reason for a decline in marriage. The response contains a narrow range of underdeveloped points and may include basic references to concepts or theories or research evidence. 	3–4	
	1	 Limited knowledge and understanding of the view that the improved position of women in society is the main reason for a decline in marriage. The response contains only assertive points or common-sense observations. 	1–2	
	0	No knowledge and understanding worthy of credit.	0	

Question		Answer		Marks
4	Level	AO2: Interpretation and Application	Marks	
	4	The material selected will be accurately interpreted, well developed and consistently applied to answering the question.	7–8	
	3	The material selected will be accurate and relevant but lacks either some development or clear application to the question.	5–6	
	2	The material selected is relevant to the question but is not applied accurately or has limited development.	3–4	
	1	There is some attempt to apply sociological material but this lacks focus on or relevance to the specific question.	1–2	
	0	No interpretation and application worthy of credit.	0	

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Question	Answer			Marks
4	Level	AO3: Analysis and Evaluation	Marks	
	5	 Very good analysis/evaluation of the view that the improved position of women in society is the main reason for a decline in marriage. The evaluation is clear, explicit and sustained. 	9–10	
	4	 Good analysis/evaluation of the view that the improved position of women in society is the main reason for a decline in marriage. The evaluation is explicit and direct but not sustained or a more descriptive account of evidence and arguments suggesting that the improved position of women in society is not the main reason for a decline in marriage. 	7–8	
	3	 Some analysis/evaluation of the view that the improved position of women in society is the main reason for a decline in marriage. There is a juxtaposition of different arguments and theories which are not clearly focused on the question or a few simple points suggesting that the improved position of women in society is not the main reason for a decline in marriage. 	5–6	
	2	 Basic analysis/evaluation of the view that the improved position of women in society is the main reason for a decline in marriage. There is an attempt to consider more than one side of the debate or one simple point suggesting that the improved position of women in society is not the main reason for a decline in marriage. 	3–4	
	1	 Limited analysis/evaluation of the view that the improved position of women in society is the main reason for a decline in marriage. Any analysis or evaluation is incidental, confused or simply assertive. 	1–2	
	0	No analysis and evaluation worthy of credit.	0	

Question		Answer		Marks
5	Evaluate the view that fatherhood is different today than in the past. Indicative content			26
		In support of the view	Against the view	
	Points	 Shift from absent to involved fathers Increasingly moving away from fathers as the authoritarian figure/no longer use violence as a punishment Increase in stay-athome fathers New concepts of masculinity – fatherhood has evolved into something distinctly different from previous generations, particularly in more liberal western societies Blurring distinction between fatherhood and motherhood Financial provider no longer a measure of good fatherhood New norms of active fatherhood outside of marriage/relationship Growth in same sex parent families – role of father performed by both males/by females More likely to attend the birth Any other relevant point 	 Hegemonic masculine ideas of fatherhood continue e.g. working class fathers are less likely to be an actively engaged parent Religious reinforcement of traditional notions of patriarchy e.g. expectations of age patriarchy including disciplining the child Fathers tend to be more involved in the fun aspect of parenting, leaving the more serious/mundane aspects to the mothers Majority of childcare still the female's responsibility – mothers tend to be the ones taking time off work to care for sick children Examples of state policies that reinforce traditional gendered ideas of parenting e.g. paternity leave shorter than maternity/no paternity leave Father as breadwinner rather than child carer tends to remain in traditional patriarchal households of some cultures/societies Any other relevant point 	
	Research evidence	Rotundo/Pleck, Gray, Dermott, Sevilla, McVeigh and Finch, Burghes, Beck, postmodernism.	Hatter et al, Hauari and Hollingworth, Salway et al, Warin et al, La Valle et al, radical feminism, Oakley.	

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Question	Answer			Marks
5	In support of the view Against the view		Against the view	
	Additional concepts	New man/father, paternity leave, fully involved dads, crisis of masculinity, super dads.	Enforcer dad, patriarchy, breadwinner.	
	The above content is indicative and other relevant approaches to the question should be rewarded appropriately. Levels of response for Question 5			
	The maximum mark for Question 5 is 26. Examiners should award up to 8 marks for AO1, up to 8 marks for AO2, and up to 10 marks for AO3.			

Question		Answer		Marks
5	Levels of response			
	Level	AO1: Knowledge and Understanding	Marks	
	4	 Good knowledge and understanding of the view that fatherhood is different today than in the past. The response contains a range of detailed points with good use of concepts and theory/research evidence. 	7–8	
	3	 Reasonable knowledge and understanding of the view that fatherhood is different today than in the past. The response contains a narrow range of detailed points or a wider range of underdeveloped points, with some use of concepts or theory or research evidence. 	5–6	
	2	 Basic knowledge and understanding of the view that fatherhood is different today than in the past. The response contains a narrow range of underdeveloped points and may include basic references to concepts or theories or research evidence. 	3–4	
	1	 Limited knowledge and understanding of the view that fatherhood is different today than in the past. The response contains only assertive points or common-sense observations. 	1–2	
	0	No knowledge and understanding worthy of credit.	0	

Question	Answer			Marks
5	Level	AO2: Interpretation and Application	Marks	
	4	The material selected will be accurately interpreted, well developed and consistently applied to answering the question.	7–8	
	3	The material selected will be accurate and relevant but lacks either some development or clear application to the question.	5–6	
	2	The material selected is relevant to the question but is not applied accurately or has limited development.	3–4	
	1	There is some attempt to apply sociological material but this lacks focus on or relevance to the specific question.	1–2	
	0	No interpretation and application worthy of credit.	0	

Question	Answer			Marks
5	Level	AO3: Analysis and Evaluation	Marks	
	5	 Very good analysis/evaluation of the view that fatherhood is different today than in the past. The evaluation is clear, explicit and sustained. 	9–10	
	4	 Good analysis/evaluation of the view that fatherhood is different today than in the past. The evaluation is explicit and direct but not sustained or a more descriptive account of evidence and arguments suggesting that fatherhood is not different today than in the past. 	7–8	
	3	 Some analysis/evaluation of the view that fatherhood is different today than in the past. There is a juxtaposition of different arguments and theories which are not clearly focused on the question or a few simple points suggesting that fatherhood is not different today than in the past. 	5–6	
	2	 Basic analysis/evaluation of the view that fatherhood is different today than in the past. There is an attempt to consider more than one side of the debate or one simple point suggesting that fatherhood is not different today than in the past. 	3–4	
	1	 Limited analysis/evaluation of the view that fatherhood is different today than in the past. Any analysis or evaluation is incidental, confused or simply assertive. 	1–2	
	0	No analysis and evaluation worthy of credit.	0	