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MARK SCHEME for the June 2005 question paper

0495 SOCIOLOGY

0495/01

Paper 1, maximum raw mark 90

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	maximum mark available	minimum mark required for grade:			
		A	C	E	F
Component 1	90	65	51	32	18

The threshold (minimum mark) for B is set halfway between those for Grades A and C.
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1 (a) What is meant by the terms:

- (i) Questionnaire [2]**
- (ii) Qualitative research [2]**
- (iii) Reliability [2]**

Two marks for a clear, accurate definition and one mark for a worthy but flawed effort.

- (i)** Questionnaires – sets of written questions that are either mailed to individuals or simply handed out.
- (ii)** Qualitative research – forms of data collection and analysis that rely on understanding, with an emphasis on meaning.
- (iii)** Reliability – a situation where the same results would be produced if the research procedure were to be repeated.

(b) Describe two types of sample that may be used in sociological research to represent a larger population. [4]

One mark for each type of sample and one mark for development. [2 x 2 marks].

(c) Explain why the data collected using social surveys ‘can be easily coded and analysed and should not vary according to the person(s) collecting it’. [4]

A well-expressed answer recognising that social surveys use structured, pre-set questions of a relatively simple kind that can easily be coded would be worth 3-4 marks. A worthy but flawed effort to address the question would merit 1-2 marks.

(d) Suggest two strengths and two limitations of longitudinal studies. [8]

One mark for each strength/limitation and one mark for development (4 x 2 marks). Strengths include: identify trends and changes; usually high in validity and depth; can cover a lot of variables; reasonably cheap. Limitations include: time consuming; difficulty attracting and retaining people to study over an extended period; subjects may be influenced by the presence of the researcher and change their behaviour accordingly.

(e) Suggest two advantages and two limitations of using questionnaires in sociological research. [8]

One mark for each advantage/limitation and one mark for development (4 x 2 marks). Advantages include: cheap; quick; reliable; responses easily coded; quantifiable data; limited involvement of the researcher with the respondents. Limitations include: low response rate with postal questionnaires; low validity; difficulty controlling who answers the questionnaire; potential bias in the wording of the questions.

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2 (a) What is meant by the term *socialisation*?

Two marks for a clear, accurate definition and one mark for a worthy but flawed effort. Socialisation is the process through which humans learn the norms and values of their society.

(b) Distinguish between *primary* and *secondary* socialisation. [4]

Two marks for a clear and accurate definition of each term and one mark for a worthy but flawed definition.

(c) Explain how a child learns to interact with other people. [6]

1-3 A few commonsense observations of a broadly relevant character might merit 1-2 marks. A general account of the importance of socialisation in early childhood without focusing directly on the question may feature towards the top of the band.

4-6 At this level the explanation will demonstrate relevant sociological knowledge. References to the importance of play and games, for example, are likely to feature in answers at the top of the range.

(d) How far is it true that socialisation, rather than instinct, is the major factor shaping human behaviour? [8]

0-4 Answers at this level are likely to reveal a limited understanding of the question and will possibly focus on general accounts of what socialisation involves.

5-8 Some attempt will be made to address the issue of whether socialisation is the major factor shaping human behaviour. Examples of feral children and/or cross-cultural variations in behaviour patterns may be used to illustrate the point. Up to 6 marks maybe awarded for thorough accounts of socialisation. At the top of the band the assessment will be explicit and supported by relevant arguments and/or evidence.

3 (a) What is meant by the term *social control*? [2]

Two marks for a clear, accurate definition and one mark for a worthy but flawed effort. Social control refers to the range of measures used in a society to persuade people to abide by the prevailing norms and values.

(b) Distinguish between *formal* and *informal* social control. [4]

Two marks for a clear and accurate definition of each term and one mark for a worthy but flawed definition. Formal control refers to the legal, public forms of controlling the population, where informal control occurs within the context of the socialisation process.

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(c) Explain how social control is maintained in small-scale, tribal societies.

- 0-3 A few isolated points about informal social control may be all we can expect at this level.
- 4-6 Answers will demonstrate a sound understanding of how informal social control operates within the context of small-scale, tribal societies. Good use of examples may be a distinguishing feature of answers at the top of the band.

(d) Assess different sociological theories about which groups benefit from social control. [8]

- 0-4 A few commonsense observations about who benefits from social control may justify 3 or 4 marks.
- 5-8 Answers at this level are likely to demonstrate some understanding of the different sociological perspectives, especially functionalist and Marxist. If such references were clear and accurate, a mark towards the top of the band would be justified.

4 (a) What is meant by the term *social class*? [2]

Two marks for a clear, accurate definition and one mark for a worthy but flawed effort. Social class is the main form of social stratification in modern industrialised societies. It is based on economic and status differences.

(b) Describe two problems in using occupation to measure social class. [4]

One mark for each problem identified and one mark for development. (2 x 2 marks). Problems include: classifications based on occupation omit certain groups, such as the rich, the unemployed, the retired; they ignore the fact that some people in similar occupations may have very different backgrounds and resources; they ignore or gloss over the fact that the same job title can mean very different things in different circumstances.

(c) Explain why the sharp division between manual and non-manual workers is now becoming out of date. [6]

- 0-3 A few simple observations about the division between manual and non-manual workers may be worth 2 or 3 marks.
- 4-6 There will be at least a basic attempt to explain why the division between manual and non-manual workers has become blurred in recent years. If this were well informed and developed, a mark at the top of the band would be justified.

(d) How far is Marx's theory of social class still relevant today? [8]

- 0-4 A few observations about Marx's theory of social class, probably mostly descriptive, would be worth 3 or 4 marks.
- 5-8 A sound account of Marx's theory of class with some attempt to assess its relevance for today would merit 5 or 6 marks. If the analysis were more developed, a mark at the top of the band would be appropriate.

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5 (a) What is meant by the term *ethnic minority*?

Two marks for a clear, accurate definition and one mark for a worthy but flawed effort. An ethnic minority is a group of people who share a common culture that is different from that of the majority of society.

(b) Describe two types of discrimination in the workplace. [4]

One mark for each example identified and one mark for development. (2 x 2 marks). Answers may refer to the generic categories of gender, ethnic, and age discrimination and/or to particular examples such as different rates of pay for the same job or favouritism in promoting one individual or group ahead of another.

(c) Explain why women are often paid less than men. [6]

0-3 A few isolated points, perhaps list-like, about why women are paid less than men would be worth 2 or 3 marks.

4-6 An appropriate explanation without sociological backing would qualify for this band. If different explanations were combined in a clear and accurate overall response, the top of the band would be justified.

(d) In what ways may a person's life chances be affected by the job he or she does? [8]

0-4 An answer that demonstrates a superficial understanding of what is meant by life chances and how they may be affected by the job a person does, would merit 3 or 4 marks.

5-8 A clear account of some of the ways that life chances may be affected by occupation is required to trigger this band. Breadth and/or depth of analysis will distinguish answers at the top of the band.

6 (a) What is meant by the term *power*? [2]

Two marks for a clear, accurate definition and one mark for a worthy but flawed effort. Power may be defined as a social relationship in which there is a high probability of persons or groups carrying out their will even when opposed by others.

(b) Describe two types of political system. [4]

One mark for each example identified and one mark for development (2 x 2). Examples include: federal, constitutional monarchy, representative democracy, authoritarian/totalitarian regime, absolute monarchy, etc.

(c) Explain how power is divided in your society. [6]

0-3 A few basic observations, perhaps poorly expressed and/or short of detail, would merit 2 or 3 marks.

4-6 A coherent and plausible explanation would figure in this band. If the main features of the political system were described in reasonable detail, a mark at the top of the band would be justified.

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(d) Discuss the strengths and limitations of the pluralist theory of power.

0-4 If some limited understanding of the pluralist theory of power is shown, with little development or application to the question as such, a mark of 3 or 4 might be justified.

5-8 A sound account of the strengths and limitations of the pluralist theory, not necessarily balanced, would trigger this band. The more strengths and limitations identified the higher in the band the answer should be placed.

7 (a) What is meant by the term *pressure group*? [2]

Two marks for a clear, accurate definition and one mark for a worthy but flawed effort. Pressure groups are groups formed to defend or promote one specific cause or interest.

(b) Describe two functions of political parties. [4]

One mark for each function identified and one mark for development (2 x 2). Functions of political parties include: selection of candidates; campaigning in elections; policy formation; raising funds to support candidates and fight elections; and a training ground for future political leaders.

(c) Explain how pressure groups can achieve their aims. [6]

0-3 A few commonsense points with limited development and insight would be worth 2 or 3 marks.

4-6 Answers at this level will identify a range of appropriate tactics and strategies that may be used by pressure groups to achieve their aims. The more coherent and developed the explanation, the higher in the band it should be placed.

(d) Assess the importance of pressure groups in a democracy. [8]

0-4 Some isolated points about pressure groups and/or democracy, with few relevant links made between the two, may be worth 3 or 4 marks.

5-8 An attempt will be made to assess the importance of pressure groups in a democracy, perhaps referring to the importance of information flow and the ability for groups to influence the decision making process. Awareness of the negative as well as the positive aspects of pressure group activity in a democracy may be a feature that distinguishes answers at the top of the band.