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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.

**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.)
- e** 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).
- g** DO NOT require spellings to be correct, unless this is part of the test. However spellings of syllabus terms must allow for clear and unambiguous separation from other syllabus terms with which they may be confused (e.g. Corrasion/Corrosion)

**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).

**3 Calculation questions:**

- The mark scheme will show the steps in the most likely correct method(s), the mark for each step, the correct answer(s) and the mark for each answer
- If working/explanation is considered essential for full credit, this will be indicated in the question paper and in the mark scheme. In all other instances, the correct answer to a calculation should be given full credit, even if no supporting working is shown.
- Where the candidate uses a valid method which is not covered by the mark scheme, award equivalent marks for reaching equivalent stages.
- Where an answer makes use of a candidate's own incorrect figure from previous working, the 'own figure rule' applies: full marks will be given if a correct and complete method is used. Further guidance will be included in the mark scheme where necessary and any exceptions to this general principle will be noted.

**4 Annotation:**

- For point marking, ticks can be used to indicate correct answers and crosses can be used to indicate wrong answers. There is no direct relationship between ticks and marks. Ticks have no defined meaning for levels of response marking.
- For levels of response marking, the level awarded should be annotated on the script.
- Other annotations will be used by examiners as agreed during standardisation, and the meaning will be understood by all examiners who marked that paper.

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1(a)	<p><b>What is meant by the term 'joint conjugal role'?</b></p> <p><b>One</b> mark for partial definition, e.g. <i>sharing the housework</i>.  <b>Two</b> marks for clear definition, e.g. <i>husband and wife share many tasks and activities so there is no clear separation of gender roles</i>.</p>	2
1(b)	<p><b>Describe <u>two</u> reasons why reconstituted families are becoming more common in modern industrial societies.</b></p> <p>Possible answers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>higher divorce rates – divorce is cheaper and easier than ever before meaning that, if there are problems in a marriage, divorce can be granted. The adults can then find new partners and so create reconstituted families;</li> <li>changing attitudes – serial monogamy is seen as normal in many societies today as we are encouraged to do what makes us happy and therefore reconstituted families also become more widespread;</li> <li>secularisation – the declining influence of religion means there is less pressure and expectation for people to stay together in unhappy relationships – new families are formed which are then reconstituted;</li> <li>media representations – blended families are now seen regularly and as 'normal' in the media which therefore removes any sense of shame or stigma from them;</li> <li>feminism – feminists encourage women to leave relationships that are not happy and satisfying meaning many will go on to form reconstituted families;</li> <li>family diversity – it is no longer the case that one family is seen as the norm in society and therefore many different types of family are forming, reconstituted being one;</li> <li>any other reasonable response.</li> </ul> <p><b>One</b> mark for each point correctly identified (up to a maximum of <b>two</b>).  <b>One</b> mark for each point that is developed (up to a maximum of <b>two</b>).</p>	4

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1(c)	<p><b>Explain how grandparents can contribute to family life.</b></p> <p>Possible answers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>socialisation – grandparents often teach norms and values or their culture to their grandchildren when they are taking care of them in place of parents;</li> <li>social control – grandparents are often involved in disciplining children when they misbehave;</li> <li>childcare – with dual worker families being the norm in many modern industrial societies, grandparents can be a vital source of childcare that enables both partners to have paid employment;</li> <li>financially – grandparents often contribute financially to family life – helping out in times of crisis as well as on a more regular basis e.g. paying school fees, buying a car etc.;</li> <li>accommodation – grandparents may come to live with their adult children or adult children may move back in with their parents – this means grandparents have a regular and important role to play in family life;</li> <li>emotionally/advice – mothers particularly rely upon their own mothers for support and advice therefore grandparents can listen and talk and support families;</li> <li>modified extended families – in the digital age grandparents can contribute to family life even when they live a long way away – social media and video phones allow for close and meaningful relationships to be maintained;</li> <li>any other reasonable response.</li> </ul> <p><b>Band 0 [0 marks]</b> No creditworthy response.</p> <p><b>Band 1 [1–3 marks]</b> Answers in this band will show only a limited awareness of the question. Responses may be short and un/underdeveloped. At the bottom of the band (1 mark), expect one weak point. Higher in the band (2–3 marks), candidates may offer more than one weak point, but there may be a tendency towards simplistic answers, engaging with sociological ideas without using sociological language.</p> <p><b>Band 2 [4–6 marks]</b> Answers in this band will have clear and accurate explanation, showing good sociological knowledge and understanding. Sociological terms and concepts should be expected and explained. At the bottom of the band, the range of points covered may be narrow or lack detail. Higher in the band, answers will cover more than one point in a well-developed way or cover several points in less detail.</p>	6

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1(d)	<p><b>Explain why urbanisation has changed family life.</b></p> <p>Possible answers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• geographical mobility – smaller families make moving for work far easier – family life is therefore now more geographically dispersed than previously;</li> <li>• family size – the movement of people to the cities meant that family size had to decrease to make this new form of living and working viable for families living in smaller houses;</li> <li>• family functions – urbanisation meant that the family was no longer responsible for performing all the essential functions, the state started to take over many of these e.g. paid childcare and care homes for the elderly;</li> <li>• family type – smaller family sizes meant the decline of the extended family and the rise of the nuclear family – a better fit according to functionalists, for industrial and urban living;</li> <li>• roles of children – children have become an economic cost rather than a benefit; they are no longer doing paid work and instead are in education often until early adulthood;</li> <li>• privatisation – as people moved away from extended family so they become more home-centred and privatised (according to functionalists) making family life more important and valued;</li> <li>• gender roles – urban living was often expensive and so this meant that many women started to find paid employment which led the way towards greater equality in gender roles;</li> <li>• housewife role – many researchers believe that the move to urbanisation created the housewife role for women who no longer had extended family to rely on – this, according to many feminists, led to patriarchal family structures and roles;</li> <li>• freedom – a move away from extended family also meant a move away from family traditions and expectations within a more secular, urban context – this led to families having greater freedom to live how they wanted to;</li> <li>• any other reasonable response.</li> </ul> <p><b>Band 0 [0 marks]</b> No creditworthy response.</p> <p><b>Band 1 [1 – 3 marks]</b> Answers in this band will show only a limited awareness of the question. A tendency to description is likely. Responses may be short and undeveloped and points stated without explanation. Sociological terms and concepts are unlikely to be used. At the bottom of the band (1 mark), expect one weak point. Higher in the band (2–3 marks), candidates may offer more than one weak point.</p> <p><b>Band 2 [4 – 6 marks]</b> Answers in this band will show basic sociological knowledge and understanding. Responses may be underdeveloped and lacking in range. At the bottom of the band, candidates are unlikely to use sociological terms and concepts accurately. Higher in the band, candidates may be beginning to use sociological terms and concepts with greater accuracy. However, some aspects of the answer may only be partially developed/explained.</p>	8

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1(d)	<p><b>Band 3 [7 – 8 marks]</b>            Answers in this band will show good sociological knowledge and understanding and will be well-developed and explained. Sociological terms and concepts will be used accurately overall. Answers will be well-focused on the question and there will be a range of points presented. At the top of the band explanations will be clear throughout.</p>	
1(e)	<p><b>To what extent is there a dark side of the family?</b></p> <p>Possible answers:            Arguments for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• rising divorce rates – with divorce rates now so high in many modern industrial societies, there are clear signs that family life is a negative experience for many; this also leads to stressful and emotional times for the children involved in divorce;</li> <li>• reconstituted families – these are increasingly common, however, they can be difficult for adults and children to negotiate as blended families create new and often difficult relationships;</li> <li>• pivot/sandwich generation – the ageing population has created a generation of women who find themselves trapped in their family duties to their dependent children and elderly relatives, creating a very stressful atmosphere and environment;</li> <li>• domestic abuse/violence – feminist research has highlighted the extent of this within families (e.g. Dobash and Dobash) and how much of it remains invisible to the authorities;</li> <li>• child abuse and neglect – there are many documented cases of children being brought up in appalling and exploitative conditions, often leading to families being split through the involvement of the law and/or social services;</li> <li>• segregated conjugal roles – in many families, cultures and societies there is little equality in the family with gender roles and responsibilities being separate and distinct;</li> <li>• dual burden/triple shift – many women have to combine family responsibilities with paid employment and thus family life is far from enjoyable for them;</li> <li>• conflict and tension – Leach saw the nuclear family as a source of enormous stress and conflict for its members and indeed all families can be the source of arguments and distress;</li> <li>• empty-nest families/empty shell marriage – research shows that there are many cases of unfulfilling and loveless relationships existing once the children have left home;</li> <li>• New Right – some families, e.g. single parent families, are seen to inadequately socialise their children leading to dysfunctional and irresponsible individuals;</li> <li>• any other reasonable response.</li> </ul> <p>Arguments against:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• functionalism – family life is where family functions are performed (nuclear family); the family is vital, an essential agent e.g. effective socialisation, nurture, social control;</li> <li>• grandparents – with active ageing there are a generation of active grandparents on hand to support and help with family life – financially, advice, childcare;</li> </ul>	15

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1(e)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• symmetrical families – Willmott and Young – families are now places of equality where men and women play equal, joint roles;</li> <li>• family diversity – many different types of family are now seen as normal and accepted in society; this means that individuals can live in the type of family that they think works best for them;</li> <li>• warm bath theory – the family is seen as a place of safety whereby the stresses and strains of the workplace can be ‘mopped up’ through love and care;</li> <li>• feminism – family life has changed enormously for women and they now have more power and status within the unit e.g. decision making, paid employment, family size etc.;</li> <li>• freedom and choice – postmodernists believe family life is now characterised by choice and therefore it can be created in a form that best suits individuals e.g. group marriages, contraception, DINK families, househusbands etc.;</li> <li>• Marxism – the family reproduces capitalist values and so maintains the status quo in society;</li> <li>• any other reasonable response.</li> </ul> <p><b>Band 0 [0 marks]</b> No creditworthy response.</p> <p><b>Band 1 [1 – 4 marks]</b> Answers in this band may be vague and largely based on common sense showing limited knowledge of the debate. Use of sociological terms or concepts is very unlikely. Responses may be short, undeveloped and one-sided. Lower in the band (1–2 marks), expect one or two weak points. Higher in the band (3–4 marks) candidates may offer more than two points and provide a weak definition of key terms in the question.</p> <p><b>Band 2 [5 – 8 marks]</b> In this band candidates will show some basic knowledge of the debate. Alternatively, they may offer an answer which is list-like in nature but there will be no real attempt to assess the issues raised by the question. There may be limited/some use of sociological terms or concepts. Responses may be underdeveloped and lack range. Answers may be simplistic and two-sided or only cover one side of the debate. Lower in the band, the response may be rather narrow in the points covered and there may be some development. Higher in the band, more points are likely to be covered with some development. Alternatively, a list-like answer with some development covering both sides of the argument may score up to 8 marks.</p> <p><b>A one-sided answer cannot score higher than 8 marks.</b></p>	

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1(e)	<p><b>Band 3 [9 – 12 marks]</b>            Answers in this band will show good sociological knowledge and understanding of the debate. Sociological terms and concepts will be used with greater accuracy and/or frequency. For the most part, answers will be well-developed, focused on the question and there will be a range of points presented. There will be a two-sided response but it may lack range on one side. At the bottom of the band, candidates may provide a narrower range of developed points. At the top of the band, expect a wider range of developed points and clear focus on the question.</p> <p><b>Band 4 [13 – 15 marks]</b>            Answers in this band will show excellent knowledge and understanding of the debate. There will be a strong grasp of the arguments as well as accurate and frequent use of sociological terms and concepts. Answers will be well-developed, clearly focused on the question and discuss a wide range of points. Responses will be two-sided and have a range of points on each side. At the bottom of the band (13 marks), the answer may lack a specific conclusion. Higher in the band, there will be a clear attempt to offer an assessment of the 'To what extent?' part of the question through a focused conclusion.</p>	

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2(a)	<p><b>What is meant by the term ‘social factors’?</b></p> <p><b>One</b> mark for partial definition, e.g. <i>male or female OR social class</i>.  <b>Two</b> marks for clear definition, e.g. <i>things that affect lifestyle and life chances, such as wealth, religion, age, gender, and ethnicity</i>.</p>	2
2(b)	<p><b>Describe <u>two</u> sanctions that schools use to control students.</b></p> <p>Possible answers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• detentions – students may be kept behind by teachers at lunchtime or after school to teach them a lesson for their bad behaviour e.g. not doing homework;</li> <li>• loss of privileges – schools can remove things that students desire as a form of punishment aimed to encourage conformity e.g. loss of mobile phone, loss of prefect status, loss of lunchtime exit pass etc.;</li> <li>• physical punishment – whilst no longer legal in many countries, some schools do use physical punishment in order to control their students and to deter bad behaviour;</li> <li>• isolation – schools often have ‘time out’ rooms that badly behaved students are sent to in order to reflect on their actions and to remove them from their peers;</li> <li>• exclusion – schools can formally exclude students whose continued bad behaviour is so serious that they are unable to be educated in the institution any longer;</li> <li>• letters of praise/recognition in assemblies – public praise for the student’s good behaviour leads to increased likelihood of social conformity amongst other students who then also want this praise;</li> <li>• treat trips – students that follow the rules may be rewarded with trips out of school, so encouraging further good behaviour;</li> <li>• any other reasonable response.</li> </ul> <p><b>One</b> mark for each point correctly identified (up to a maximum of <b>two</b>).  <b>One</b> mark for each point that is developed (up to a maximum of <b>two</b>).</p>	4

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2(c)	<p><b>Explain how Marxists would criticise the education system.</b></p> <p>Possible answers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>lack of social mobility – education reproduces social inequalities it does not offer many possibilities for upward social mobility and downward social mobility is very rare indeed;</li> <li>myth of meritocracy – schools claim that they offer equal opportunities to all but Marxists claim that this is not true and that those from the higher social classes achieve more;</li> <li>private schools – these typically achieve the best results in society but can only be afforded by those at the very top of the social hierarchy which is seen to be unfair;</li> <li>selection – many schools select students from an entrance exam or use systems of setting and streaming to teach students – these tend to benefit students in the higher social classes;</li> <li>material factors – students from families with more economic capital are more likely to achieve in education as they can afford additional resources, private tutors, internet etc.;</li> <li>working class underachievement – the lower a pupil's social class the less well they do in education which then limits their life chances;</li> <li>capitalism – schools reproduce and normalise capitalist values and so maintain the unfair system of elitism and privilege for the few (ideological state apparatus);</li> <li>middle class institutions – schools are very middle class places based on middle class values – they use the elaborated code, teachers label pupils who do not meet the ideal pupil stereotype and they require students to accept the merits of deferred gratification;</li> <li>any other reasonable response.</li> </ul> <p><b>Band 0 [0 marks]</b> No creditworthy response.</p> <p><b>Band 1 [1 – 3 marks]</b> Answers in this band will show only a limited awareness of the question. Responses may be short and un/underdeveloped. At the bottom of the band (1 mark), expect one weak point. Higher in the band (2–3 marks), candidates may offer more than one weak point, but there may be a tendency towards simplistic answers, engaging with sociological ideas without using sociological language.</p> <p><b>Band 2 [4 – 6 marks]</b> Answers in this band will have clear and accurate explanation, showing good sociological knowledge and understanding. Sociological terms and concepts should be expected and explained. At the bottom of the band, the range of points covered may be narrow or lack detail. Higher in the band, answers will cover more than one point in a well-developed way or cover several points in less detail.</p>	6

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2(d)	<p><b>Explain why a student's family background may affect educational achievement.</b></p> <p>Possible answers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• parental values – whether parents value education and engage with schools has been proven to be very influential in affecting student aspirations and how well an individual does at school;</li> <li>• role models – having parents who have succeeded in education and who have benefited from deferred gratification is likely to positively affect children;</li> <li>• cultural capital (Bourdieu) – families with more cultural capital help to make education a more straightforward and understandable process than those without e.g. regular trips to art galleries/theatre;</li> <li>• material factors – families that cannot afford additional resources, books, digital technology etc. to support a student's studies may not achieve as highly as those that can;</li> <li>• accommodation – working class students may live in cramped, noisy conditions in which it will be difficult to study and this is likely to negatively affect their achievement;</li> <li>• diet – students in poverty may not have enough to eat and a lack of good quality nutrition can affect concentration levels and hence how well they achieve at school;</li> <li>• communities – schools based in areas where education is not valued, unemployment is high and deviance is commonplace are unlikely to do as well as those families living in more prosperous areas;</li> <li>• social networks – Bourdieu found that families that had good social contacts and capital were able to help children in terms of gaining work experience placements, seeking careers and university advice etc.;</li> <li>• ethnicity – Archer's study showed how UK Chinese families encouraged their children to work hard at school and to achieve the best they could do, 'Tigermums' studies show the same;</li> <li>• any other reasonable response.</li> </ul> <p><b>Band 0 [0 marks]</b> No creditworthy response.</p> <p><b>Band 1 [1 – 3 marks]</b> Answers in this band will show only a limited awareness of the question. A tendency to description is likely. Responses may be short and undeveloped and points stated without explanation. Sociological terms and concepts are unlikely to be used. At the bottom of the band (1 mark), expect one weak point. Higher in the band (2–3 marks), candidates may offer more than one weak point.</p>	8

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2(e)	<p><b>To what extent is the comprehensive system of education the best?</b></p> <p>Possible answers:</p> <p>Arguments for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• equal opportunities – this is at the heart of the comprehensive system and is the ethos that the schools and the teachers represent – all students can choose from the same offer of subjects and all can do well – they are typically mixed ability and mixed gender;</li> <li>• strong community – comprehensive schools bring together all children and families in an area, regardless of social class, ethnicity or ability – this promotes social solidarity and social integration;</li> <li>• no labelling of students – children are no longer labelled as ‘successes’ or ‘failures’ at the age of 11/when joining secondary school and those that develop academically at a later age have a real chance to succeed;</li> <li>• standardised curriculum and testing – all students follow and have access to the same curriculum and tests which is a system based on fairness and universal standards;</li> <li>• achieved status – the value of working hard to be successful is central to comprehensive schools and this ensures that very few students now leave without qualifications, resulting in better life chances;</li> <li>• meritocracy – functionalists see comprehensive schools as being fair to all students and equalising social divisions to allow hard working, talented young people from all backgrounds the chance to be successful and upwardly mobile;</li> <li>• working class pupils – this group of students are particularly thought to benefit from comprehensive schools improving life chances through the opportunities they offer, as they are the least likely to get into grammar/selective schools;</li> <li>• special educational needs – comprehensive schools are thought to offer nurture and support for children with special educational needs, supporting them through their education, encouraging tolerance and celebrating diversity;</li> <li>• any other reasonable response.</li> </ul> <p>Arguments against:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• lower standards – some claim that educational standards are lowered in comprehensive schools because the brighter students have to work at the same speed as the less able;</li> <li>• lack of diversity – comprehensive schools are not actually very diverse in their make-up – if the school has a mainly working class catchment area then most of the pupils will also be working class;</li> <li>• impersonal system – comprehensives tend to be large and many are now impersonal academy chains – discipline problems and bullying have been reported by many researchers;</li> <li>• streaming and setting – most comprehensives use systems of setting and streaming, providing a different education for pupils with different abilities – basically selecting – this is not the best for all students;</li> <li>• teacher labelling – teachers still have stereotypes of the ‘ideal pupil’ in their minds in comprehensive schools and this can affect student motivation and work ethic through either positive or negative labels;</li> <li>• other schools – in areas where there are other schools for parents to choose from, the brightest may attend faith/grammar/private schools meaning in effect the tripartite system continues;</li> </ul>	15

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2(e)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• vocationalism – comprehensive schools still set students off on different educational paths – some for academic education, others for more work-based courses – some sociologists question how fair this really is and whether it is best for all students;</li> <li>• league tables – schools are under pressure to get good results and this means that schools will often ‘get rid of’ troublesome students or reduce/limit exam entries for those students who are unlikely to do well;</li> <li>• faith schools – some sociologists believe these are the best type of school for students to attend as they allow religion to be prioritised alongside education, promoting particular beliefs and values;</li> <li>• private schools – many parents choose to pay for their child’s education and results indicate that students do better academically in private schools due to factors such as better facilities, more cultural capital and smaller class sizes;</li> <li>• single-sex schools – both boys and girls tend to get better results in single-sex schools than co-ed schools which indicates that comprehensive schools may not be the best for all students – bullying is also said to be reduced;</li> <li>• any other reasonable response.</li> </ul> <p><b>Band 0 [0 marks]</b> No creditworthy response.</p> <p><b>Band 1 [1 – 4 marks]</b> Answers in this band may be vague and largely based on common sense showing limited knowledge of the debate. Use of sociological terms or concepts is very unlikely. Responses may be short, undeveloped and one-sided. Lower in the band (1–2 marks), expect one or two weak points. Higher in the band (3–4 marks) candidates may offer more than two points and provide a weak definition of key terms in the question.</p> <p><b>Band 2 [5 – 8 marks]</b> In this band candidates will show some basic knowledge of the debate. Alternatively, they may offer an answer which is list-like in nature but there will be no real attempt to assess the issues raised by the question. There may be limited/some use of sociological terms or concepts. Responses may be underdeveloped and lack range. Answers may be simplistic and two-sided or only cover one side of the debate. Lower in the band, the response may be rather narrow in the points covered and there may be some development. Higher in the band, more points are likely to be covered with some development. Alternatively, a list-like answer with some development covering both sides of the argument may score up to 8 marks.</p> <p><b>A one-sided answer cannot score higher than 8 marks.</b></p>	

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3(b)	<p><b>Describe <u>two</u> urban crimes.</b></p> <p>Possible answers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• rioting – social disorder and unrest e.g. London riots, Egyptian Revolution; 2011;</li> <li>• looting – stealing goods from somewhere e.g. shops/warehouses;</li> <li>• gang crime – turf wars, often leading to knife/gun crime;</li> <li>• mugging/street robbery – street attacks with a financial incentive;</li> <li>• shoplifting – stealing from shops, often sold on to others;</li> <li>• theft from city centre shops/banks – typically for financial gain;</li> <li>• violence/assault – may be associated with alcohol and bars and/or weapons;</li> <li>• drug dealing – organised crime where illegal drugs are bought and sold;</li> <li>• knife crime – often associated with youths and sometimes with gangs;</li> <li>• white collar crime – crimes committed against companies and usually carried out for personal benefit e.g. a bank clerk stealing cash whilst at work;</li> <li>• corporate crime – committed by companies or their workers against the public e.g. fake goods – typically found in cities;</li> <li>• bank robbery – usually occurs in cities by armed gangs;</li> <li>• any other reasonable response.</li> </ul> <p><b>One</b> mark for each point correctly identified (up to a maximum of <b>two</b>).  <b>One</b> mark for each point that is developed (up to a maximum of <b>two</b>).</p>	4

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