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**SOCIOLOGY****2251/22**

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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 descriptions 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.

Question	Answer	Marks
1(a)	<p><b>What is meant by the term monogamy?</b></p> <p><b>One</b> mark for partial definition e.g. <i>not cheating on a partner</i>.  <b>Two</b> marks for clear definition e.g. <i>being married/in a relationship with one person at a time</i>.</p>	<b>2</b>
1(b)	<p><b>Describe <u>two</u> examples of child-centredness.</b></p> <p><b>Possible answers:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• legislation e.g. UN Rights of the Child - gives power to children e.g. in divorce cases;</li> <li>• corporal punishment – now banned in schools in most countries;</li> <li>• parental smacking – this is viewed as unacceptable/illegal in many societies;</li> <li>• period of innocence – childhood is seen in many societies as a time when children should not have to work or experience other aspects of adult life;</li> <li>• extension of education – extending compulsory schooling maintains the status of ‘child’ for longer as education is considered very important;</li> <li>• children as consumers – industries reinforce the special status of ‘childhood’ through the production of specialised goods for them e.g. TV channels/shows, toys, clothes etc.;</li> <li>• spending on children – this has increased enormously with phenomenon like ‘pester power’ encouraging adults to purchase goods for children to consume;</li> <li>• leisure time – family time and activities often centre around the needs and wants of the child rather than the adult;</li> <li>• 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>	<b>4</b>

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1(c)	<p><b>Explain how family life is globally diverse.</b></p> <p><b>Possible answers:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• type of family – different countries/cultures have different types of family, all of which can be linked to differences in family life e.g. living in an extended family is very different to living in a step-family;</li> <li>• ethnicity – ethnic groups are sometimes associated with particular kinds of family life e.g. Afro-Caribbean families may be matrifocal, South Asian families may be extended and larger etc.;</li> <li>• marriages – these can be different globally, leading to differences in family life e.g. South Asian families may encourage arranged marriages, some Islamic and tribal cultures allow polygamy etc.;</li> <li>• gender roles – these may be segregated in some more traditional societies whereas in other societies e.g. in the UK, they are more likely to be joint showing the diversity of family life;</li> <li>• norms and values – different families across the globe will socialise their children into different norms and values, depending upon their culture and/or religion e.g. high birth rates in many Eastern European countries, a declining birth rate in China;</li> <li>• social class/money – this can affect family life e.g. family experiences, trips out, cultural capital, values, expectations, material items, space at home etc. and this obviously differs globally;</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>	<b>6</b>

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1(d)	<p><b>Explain why sociologists argue the family is an essential institution.</b></p> <p><b>Possible answers:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• functionalism – in order for societies to function and work, certain essential tasks or functions must be performed therefore the family is the bedrock of every society – Parsons and irreducible functions;</li> <li>• reproduction – societies must produce new generations of children in order to survive and marriage and the family are closely associated with having children;</li> <li>• socialisation – children need to learn their society's norms and values and this happens through primary socialisation in the family;</li> <li>• social control – children's behaviour is controlled in families through a series of rewards and sanctions that result in social conformity;</li> <li>• care of children – children need to be fed, clothed, nurtured and sheltered and in the family, people are given responsibilities and roles to ensure that this happens;</li> <li>• status – families give children their status by involving children in a web of interpersonal and group relationships;</li> <li>• regulation of sexual behaviour – most societies insist that children are born to people in a socially approved sexual relationship i.e. to create a family;</li> <li>• gender roles – family roles are split so that the female performs the expressive role and the male the instrumental – this is what they are best at and so helps the family function successfully (Parsons);</li> <li>• New Right – Murray argues that the nuclear family is essential in preventing reckless and deviant behaviour in society;</li> <li>• Marxism/Marxist feminism – the family is essential as it creates and maintains the backbone necessary for an effective capitalist workforce;</li> <li>• 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(e)	<p><b>To what extent is family life equal for its members?</b></p> <p><b>Possible answers:</b>  <b>Arguments for:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Willmott and Young – the symmetrical family – conjugal roles are now different but equal for men and women in the family;</li> <li>• stratified diffusion – Willmott and Young found that behaviour in the higher classes was soon imitated by the lower classes thus creating more equality in families as symmetry in the family spread;</li> <li>• privatised nuclear family – functionalists have said that family life is now privatised, meaning that immediate members function and work together to create a happy family life;</li> <li>• Dermott – intimate fathers – research shows that men today want to play an active role in the family, spending quality time with their children (new men);</li> <li>• role reversal – more flexible norms and values mean that it is now perfectly acceptable for females to be breadwinners and males to be stay at home parents, meaning equality has been created;</li> <li>• joint conjugal roles – these typify family life today whereby most families are dual worker – domestic and childcare work is now therefore shared;</li> <li>• feminism – improved status of women in society – women have higher aspirations and expect to have a career thus their expectations of family life have similarly changed and equality is therefore the norm;</li> <li>• same-sex families – newer family forms emerging has meant that family roles can be re-configured to create a new normal – power dynamics in same-sex families are said to be more equal;</li> <li>• labour saving devices – these have reduced the time and effort involved in housework thus encouraging family members other than women to take part and so helping create equality;</li> <li>• decline of the extended family – this meant less pressure on individuals to fulfil traditional conjugal roles, thus allowing for greater equality in the home as newer family roles are embraced;</li> <li>• any other reasonable response.</li> </ul>	<b>15</b>



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1(e)	<p><b>Arguments against:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>feminism – family remains a patriarchal institution in a patriarchal world that exploits females in order to benefit males through the domestic division of labour = not equal;</li> <li>dual burden – working women now have the ‘dual burden’ of having to hold down a paid job as well as run the home – men do not have both responsibilities so it is not equal;</li> <li>triple shift – recent feminist research reveals that women now have to perform three roles in the family – domestic, emotional and working – compared to just the working role for men. This is not equal;</li> <li>myth of symmetry – many researchers have questioned whether conjugal roles really are symmetrical – they are often more equal than before but this does not mean they are fully equal e.g. men were found to do more of the ‘fun’ family roles whereas those tasks performed by women were monotonous and dull;</li> <li>primary socialisation – Ann Oakley – girls and boys are socialised into different gender roles via processes such as manipulation and canalisation (passive female, active male) therefore equality in adult roles is unlikely;</li> <li>domestic violence – e.g. Dobash and Dobash – research indicates that much abuse takes place within families whereby violence and coercion are used to control family members – this is not equality;</li> <li>cultural diversity – whether equality is seen in family life depends upon the cultural context e.g. traditional societies, religious influences etc;</li> <li>functionalism – sex role theory – Parsons – males are naturally best suited to the instrumental role whereas females are best suited to the expressive role, thus equality in conjugal roles is not desirable;</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 commonsense 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>	

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1(e)	<p><b>A one-sided answer cannot score higher than 8 marks.</b></p> <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 questions 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 ‘vocationalism’?</b></p> <p><b>One</b> mark for partial definition e.g. <i>work experience</i>.  <b>Two</b> marks for clear definition e.g. <i>vocational education prepares people for work or trains them for particular jobs or careers</i>.</p>	<b>2</b>
2(b)	<p><b>Describe <u>two</u> examples of equal opportunities in education.</b></p> <p><b>Possible answers:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• meritocracy – you will be settled/get results based on your effort and ability;</li> <li>• national curriculum – all students must follow the same curriculum for core subjects which is fair and equal;</li> <li>• free education – in many societies education is free to all, regardless of background e.g. state schools;</li> <li>• subject choice – all students in a school have the same choice of subjects, regardless of social factors;</li> <li>• social mobility – upward and downward mobility is a feature of life for everybody, based on educational success;</li> <li>• comprehensive schools – these were set up to offer equality of education to all students in a local area;</li> <li>• compensatory education – many schools use schemes such as bursaries and/or scholarships in order to ensure all social groups get equal opportunities for success (positive discrimination);</li> <li>• co-ed teaching/schools – offering girls and boys the same educational opportunities and curriculum;</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>	<b>4</b>

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2(c)	<p><b>Explain how rewards are used by schools to socially control students.</b></p> <p><b>Possible answers:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• praise, stickers, badges – can all be used to encourage socially approved behaviours and values in schools;</li> <li>• socialisation – rewards in schools socialise students into their social expectations e.g. to use good manners will result in something positive happening/being said;</li> <li>• being positively labelled at school – encourages social conformity as the student desires further rewards (the halo effect);</li> <li>• manipulation – rewards allow schools to influence and control the thoughts and actions of children into believing the status quo/not rebelling (ideological control)</li> <li>• treat trips – students can be rewarded by being allowed to go on trips if they are good/achieve certain marks;</li> <li>• setting – if students work hard and follow the rules, they may be rewarded by moving up to a higher set or gaining better results;</li> <li>• assemblies – these may be used to publicly congratulate and reward students who have exceeded targets/been good citizens etc. thus producing a culture whereby rewards are seen to be desirable;</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>	<b>6</b>

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2(e)	<p><b>To what extent do linguistic factors have the most influence on a student's educational achievement?</b></p> <p><b>Possible answers:</b>  <b>Arguments for:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• social class – Bernstein's restricted code – informal, everyday language with limited vocab spoken widely by the lower social classes that is discouraged in schools – this could negatively influence opportunities for working class educational achievement as this is not the language of education;</li> <li>• social class – Bernstein's elaborated code – expresses complex and abstract ideas, a formal style of language used in schools by teachers and found in textbooks. This is the common language code of the higher classes and so advantages them when it comes to educational achievement as they are more familiar with these codes;</li> <li>• minority ethnic groups – may be taught in a language that is not their home language e.g. in international schools, which may lead to problems of understanding and communication thus explaining lower educational achievement;</li> <li>• bilingualism – research indicates that those students able to speak and use more than one recognised language may have an advantage in learning in schools and thus may do better;</li> <li>• ethnocentrism in language – some languages may be thought of by teachers as ungrammatical and incorrect e.g. patois/creole – thus teachers did not recognise when children speaking or using these languages were in fact expressing complex and abstract ideas (Labov);</li> <li>• immigration – students recently arrived in a country and with little understanding of the official language are likely to be disadvantaged in their opportunities to succeed at school due to an inability to access the curriculum;</li> <li>• any other reasonable response.</li> </ul> <p><b>Arguments against:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• linguistic influences on educational achievement are thought to be significant but this does not mean that they have the most influence on a pupil's educational achievement, a range of factors are likely to intersect with one another;</li> <li>• cultural influences – social class – the working class have been linked with cultural deprivation that encourages immediate rather than deferred gratification, an absence of successful well educated role models and a culture of fatalism – this may explain their educational lack of success;</li> <li>• cultural influences – ethnicity – different ethnicities value education differently and this is likely to influence a pupil's educational achievement e.g. Archer's research into why Chinese students do well in education;</li> <li>• cultural influences – gender – socialisation into gender roles starts in the primary stage and this is likely to influence aspirations – so, for example, girls may feel that qualifications are not needed if their primary role is to be a mother;</li> </ul>	15

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2(e)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>material influences – social class – children living in poverty are less likely to succeed at school because of factors such as lack of supporting resources, having part-time jobs, lack of a quiet place to study, inadequate diet etc.;</li> <li>material influences – ethnicity – some ethnic minority groups have high numbers of their members also in the working class so they are likely to suffer from material deprivation more than the majority ethnic group which may explain their lack of educational success;</li> <li>material influences – gender – when a family has limited resources to spend on education, in some cultures a girl's education may be seen as less important than that of boys;</li> <li>schools and teachers – teacher labelling and the setting/streaming process may be the biggest influence on how well a pupil succeeds in education;</li> <li>the peer group – peer pressure maybe the most important influence on educational achievement, especially for boys e.g. Willis 'the lads' (anti-school subcultures);</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 commonsense 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(a)	<p><b>What is meant by the term ‘self-report studies’?</b></p> <p><b>One</b> mark for partial definition <i>e.g. asking about crime.</i>  <b>Two</b> marks for clear definition <i>e.g. research that asks people what crimes or deviant acts they have committed.</i></p>	<b>2</b>
3(b)	<p><b>Describe <u>two</u> ways law enforcement agencies make people conform.</b></p> <p><b>Possible answers:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• police – allowed to carry weapons and use force if necessary, in order to achieve conformity;</li> <li>• Marxism – repressive state apparatus – police are often used to control protests and demonstrations <i>e.g. BLM/environmental protests</i> and so achieve conformity;</li> <li>• surveillance – monitoring behaviour in order to ensure conformity <i>e.g. CCTV, trackers, cyber-technology etc.</i>;</li> <li>• police targeting – focusing on a particular group of people, believing them to be more criminal, in order to prevent crime and ensure people conform;</li> <li>• police presence – this can cause fear in people thus making them conform;</li> <li>• courts – sentence offenders based on their crime and send a clear message to others about what will happen if they break the law <i>e.g. loss of liberty/a fine etc.</i>;</li> <li>• deterrence – seeing a police officer often puts people off from committing a crime or long sentences from the courts reported in the media similarly deter offending;</li> <li>• zero tolerance – the police/the authorities/the courts can take action against even minor acts of deviance to send out the message that no criminal or deviant behaviour will be tolerated <i>e.g. NYC/London riots – Wilson’s ‘broken windows’ ideas</i>;</li> <li>• any other reasonable response.</li> </ul> <p><b>One</b> mark for each point correctly identified (up to maximum of <b>two</b>).  <b>One</b> mark for each point that is developed (up to a maximum of <b>two</b>).</p>	<b>4</b>

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4(b)	<p><b>Describe <u>two</u> examples of interactivity in new media.</b></p> <p><b>Possible answers:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>personalisation – for example, having news on particular topics emailed or on social media accounts;</li> <li>media creation/prosumer – writing blogs, uploading videos or images, creating a website etc.;</li> <li>discussion and debate – online through forums, chat rooms, message boards, live messaging = instant response;</li> <li>gaming – through role-play, virtual reality, immersion – often playing against and communicating with other players who are physically distant;</li> <li>influencers – using your online presence to persuade others to adopt particular lifestyles or values or to consume material items/brands;</li> <li>citizen journalism – members of the public frequently record footage themselves and then upload to new media, thus demonstrating interactivity;</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>	<b>4</b>

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