

A-level **SOCIOLOGY** **(7192/1)**

Paper 1 Education with Theory and Methods

Specimen 2016

Morning

Time allowed: 2 hours

Materials

For this paper you will need no other materials.

Instructions

- Use black ink or black ball-point pen.
- Fill in the boxes at the bottom of this page.
- Answer **all** questions.
- You must answer the questions in the spaces provided. Do not write outside the box around each page or on blank pages.
- Do all rough work in this book. Cross through any work you do not want to be marked.

Information

- The marks for questions are shown in brackets.
- The maximum mark for this paper is 80.
- Questions carrying 10 marks or more should be answered in continuous prose. In these questions you will be marked on your ability to:
 - use good English
 - organise information clearly
 - use specialist vocabulary where appropriate.

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Answer **all** questions.

Education

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Outline **two** cultural factors that may cause social class differences in educational achievement.

[4 marks]

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Outline **three** examples of ways in which government policies may have reduced social inequalities in educational achievement.

[6 marks]

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Read **Item A** below and answer the question that follows.

Item A

Schools give status to pupils on the basis of characteristics such as their perceived ability, behaviour and attitude, and this is often related to pupils' class, gender and ethnicity. Pupils with desirable characteristics are given higher status and treated differently. These pupils are likely to do well and to feel positive about school.

Some other pupils may be more concerned with their friends' opinions of them than with the school's view of them.

Applying material from **Item A**, analyse **two** reasons why some pupils join pupil subcultures.

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Read **Item B** below and answer the question that follows.

Item B

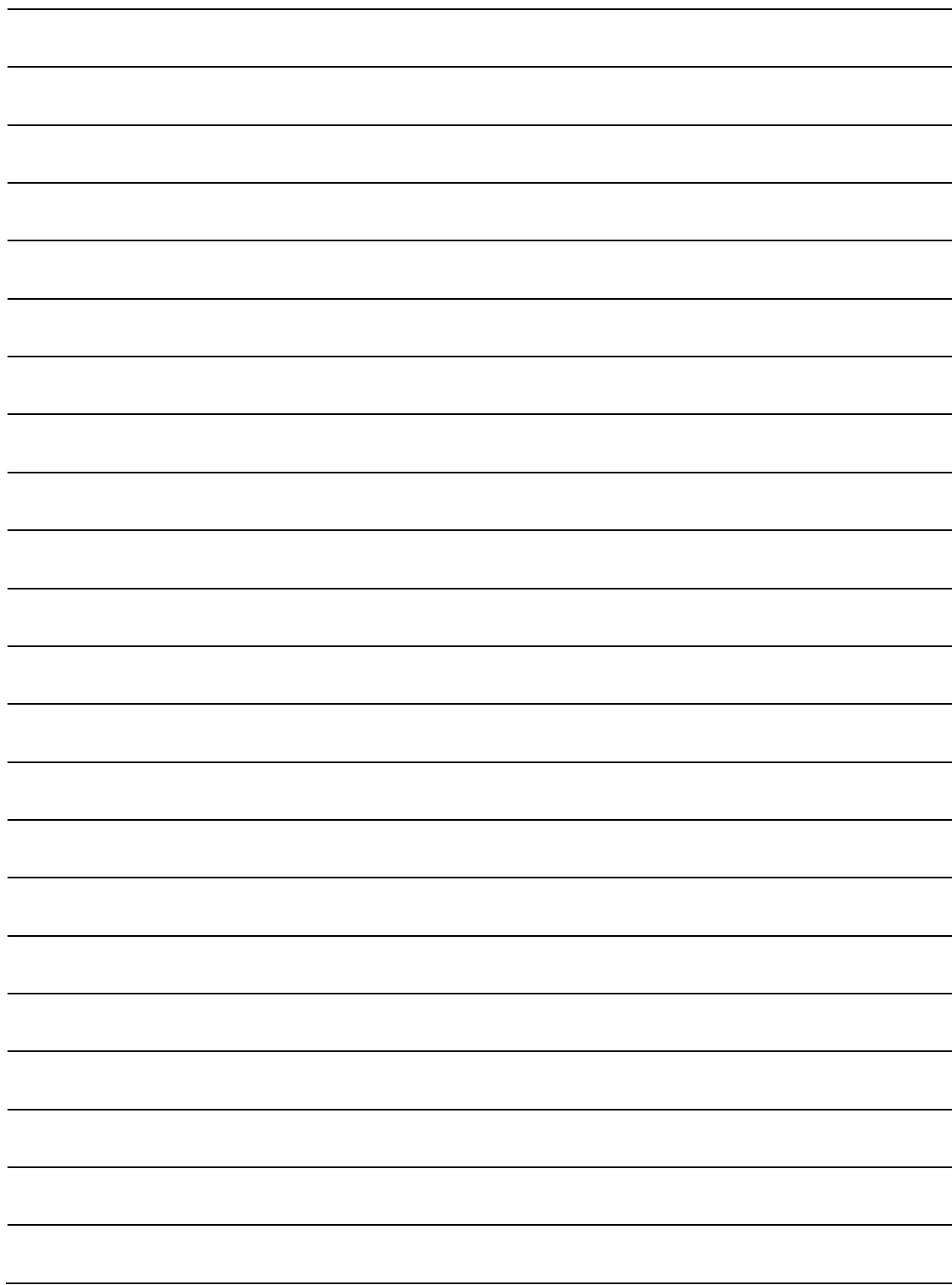
Many sociologists argue that today's technologically complex economy needs to recruit young people with talent, and to give them the skills and motivation to perform the most important and difficult jobs.

However, other sociologists argue that what the economy requires is large numbers of workers who are prepared to work for low pay and to obey the orders of their superiors in the production process.

Applying material from **Item B** and your knowledge, evaluate the view that the main role of the education system is to serve the needs of the economy.

[30 marks]

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Methods in Context

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Read **Item C** below and answer the question that follows.

Item C

Investigating the influence of the family on pupils' education

Families have an important influence on pupils' education. For example, the family's income may be able to pay for educational materials and experiences as well as for comfortable conditions in which to study. Similarly, parents' own education, their child-rearing and socialisation practices, and their speech codes and cultural background can influence children's attitudes to school and their ability to succeed. In all these respects, there are significant class and ethnic differences in family life and they help to explain differences in the educational experiences of different pupils.

One way of studying the influence of the family on pupils' education is to use structured interviews. These are a good way of gathering basic data quickly. Structured interviews also allow researchers to establish patterns and make comparisons. However, they may be less useful when dealing with sensitive or private issues.

Applying material from **Item C** and your knowledge of research methods, evaluate the strengths and limitations of using structured interviews to investigate the influence of the family on pupils' education.

[20 marks]

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