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GCSE (9-1) SOCIOLOGY

Additional Specimen Questions

Component 2 Understanding Social Structures

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ADDITIONAL SPECIMEN QUESTIONS Duration 1 ¾ hours



For Ex	xaminer's us	e only
Question	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded
1.	4	
2.	6	
3.	15	
4.	17	
5.	17	
6.	30	
7.	11	
Total	100	

#### **INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES**

Write your name, centre number and candidate number in the spaces at the top of this page.

Answer all questions.

Write your answers in the spaces provided in this booklet.

#### **INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES**

The number of marks is given in brackets at the end of each question or part-question. Credit will be given for the use of sociological concepts, theories and evidence.

## Answer all questions

1. Use the words in the box below to fill in the spaces in the statements that follow.

patriarchy discrimination deviant career Albert Cohen white-collar crime Marx

(a)	This refers to the path a person who has been labelled as criminal might follow.	
		[1]
(b)	This refers to a system where males dominate.	
		[1]
(c)	These refer to middle-class offences usually committed at work	
		[1]
(d)	argued that young working class boys committed crime because of status frustration.	[1]

Look at the following information and answer the questions that follow.
Percentage of people aged 18 and over in the UK who smoke by gender.

	2010	2012	2013	2014
Men	23.3%	22.3%	21.1%	20.7%
Women	18.9%	17.4%	16.5%	15.9%

Ad	dapted from Integrated Household Study: Office of National Statistics	
(a)	) Identify the percentage of women who smoke in 2012.	[1]
(b)	) Identify the percentage of men who smoke in 2010.	[1]
(c)	) Describe two patterns or trends shown in the table supporting you	ır answer
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	with reference to the statistics in the table.	[4]

## Social Differentiation and Stratification

3	(a)	Define what is meant by ethnicity	[2]
	(b)	Explain two areas of life where some ethnic minority groups experien inequality in the UK today.	ce [4]

Discuss reasons why some ethnic minority groups may face discrimination in the UK. [9]
In your answer you are advised to discuss at least two reasons why ethnic minority groups may face discrimination in the UK

4	(a) Describe what is meant by a stereotype.	[2]
(b)	Explain what is meant by 'crisis of masculinity'.	[2]
(d)	Explain two reasons why women may still be paid less than men.	[4]
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(e)	Assess whether the position of men in the UK has changed significantly over the last fifty years. [9] your answer you are advised to refer to evidence from at least two areas of life
to	support your judgement.

5.	(a)	Describe two types of authority identified by Max Weber	[4]
(b)	Ex	plain what is meant by social stratification	[4]
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(c)	'Social class still has a significant effect on peoples' lives in the UK'. Do you agree with this view?
	In your answer you are advised to refer to evidence from at least two areas of life to support your judgement.

## Crime and Deviance

6.	(a)	Describe the meaning of victim study	[2]
	(b)	Outline how belonging to a deviant subculture may lead to crime [5]	5]

(c)	Explain why females appear to commit less crime than males. [8
	You should explore at least two reasons in your response.

(a)	'Criminal statistics are not an accurate reflection of actual crime and criminals.' Do you agree with this view?			
	In your answer you are advised to refer to the problems associated with criminal statistics and any other relevant factors to support your judgement			

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# Applied Methods of Sociological Enquiry

7.	You a	You are asked to carry out sociological research into bullying at school.				
	(a)	Observation is one method that can be used in sociological research. Identify a different method that you would choose to carry out research into bullying at school [1]				
	(b)	Explain two weaknesses of the method you have chosen for your research.				
		[4]				

(c)	Explain and evaluate the benefits that you may find using this method for your			
	research.	[6]		