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Sociology

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Instructions to Candidates

Candidates should enter their surname, forename(s), date of birth, Scottish candidate number and the name and level of the subject at the top of their first answer sheet.

Total marks – 80

Attempt ALL questions

SECTION 1 — HUMAN SOCIETY — 30 marks

SECTION 2 — CULTURE AND IDENTITY — 25 marks

SECTION 3 — SOCIAL ISSUES — 25 marks

You must clearly identify the question number you are attempting on your answer sheet.

Marks are shown in square brackets at the end of each question or part question.

An ow in the margin indicates a new question.

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SECTION 1

HUMAN SOCIETY

30 marks

Attempt ALL questions

- ow 1. Describe two features of symbolic interactionism. [4 marks]
- ow 2. Explain one difference between Marxism and Weberism. [3 marks]
- ow 3. Analyse similarities and differences between consensus and conflict theories. [9 marks]
- ow 4. Describe any two stages in the research process. [4 marks]
- ow 5. Describe two features of focus groups. [4 marks]
- ow 6. Evaluate participant observation as a research method. [6 marks]

[End of Section 1]

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SECTION 2

CULTURE AND IDENTITY

25 marks

Attempt ALL questions

- ow 7. Explain the impact of socialisation on the formation of identity. [8 marks]
- ow 8. Explain high and popular culture using one sociological theory. [7 marks]
- ow 9. Using the study, Cohen, S. (1972) Folk Devils and Moral Panics:
 - (a) describe two findings of the study [4 marks]
 - (b) evaluate the study. [6 marks]

[End of Section 2]

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SECTION 3

SOCIAL ISSUES

25 marks

Attempt the question

ow 10. Analyse a social issue of your choice. This could be social mobility or any other social issue you have studied.

In your answer:

- use two contrasting theories, at least one must be a structural theory
- explain findings from one study
- link this study to your chosen theories. [25 marks]

[End of Section 3]

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