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**A Level Sociology**

**H580/01** Socialisation, culture and identity

**Time allowed: 1 hour 30 minutes**



**You must have:**

- the OCR 12-page Answer Booklet

**INSTRUCTIONS**

- Use black ink.
- Write your answer to each question in the Answer Booklet. The question numbers must be clearly shown.
- Fill in the boxes on the front of the Answer Booklet.
- Answer **all** the questions in Section A.
- Choose **one** option in Section B and answer **all** the questions for that option.

**INFORMATION**

- The total mark for this paper is **90**.
- The marks for each question are shown in brackets [ ].
- Quality of extended response will be assessed in questions marked with an asterisk (\*).
- This document has **4** pages.

**ADVICE**

- Read each question carefully before you start your answer.

## SECTION A

Answer **all** the questions in Section A.

**Source A**

Sociologists have examined the importance of the complex process of socialisation and how it takes place through interaction with many individuals, groups and social institutions. They explore how socialisation is not only critical to children as they develop, but how it is a lifelong process through which we become prepared for new social environments and expectations in every stage of our lives. In many societies, socialisation throughout the life course is determined greatly by age norms; as we grow older, we encounter age-related transition points that require socialisation into a new role, such as becoming school age, entering the workforce, or retiring.

Source: Little, W. (2014) *Introduction to Sociology*  
<https://opentextbc.ca/introductiontosociology/chapter/chapter5-socialization/>

**Source B**

Work colleagues

New army recruits

A group of retired people

- 1 Explain, using examples, the concept of values. [6]
- 2\* Using sources A and B and your wider sociological knowledge, explain how socialisation changes during an individual's life. [12]
- 3\* Outline and briefly evaluate the view that ethnic identities are now hybridised. [20]

**SECTION B**

Choose **one** option from Section B and answer **all** the questions for that option.

**OPTION 1****Families and relationships**

- 4\* Outline **two** reasons for the increase in cohabitation. Illustrate your answer with examples. [12]
- 5\* Explain and briefly evaluate the view that children have more power than parents in family life. [16]
- 6\* Assess the view that the nuclear family remains the strongest family type. [24]

**OPTION 2****Youth subcultures**

- 7\* Outline **two** reasons why females have been largely absent from the study of youth subcultures. Illustrate your answer with examples. [12]
- 8\* Explain and briefly evaluate the view that boys join deviant subcultures as an expression of masculinity. [16]
- 9\* Assess the view that youth culture and subcultures are related to conflict. [24]

**OPTION 3****Media**

- 10\* Outline **two** ways that representations of masculinity in the media are changing. Illustrate your answer with examples. [12]
- 11\* Explain and briefly evaluate the view that media representations of the upper class are always positive. [16]
- 12\* Assess the view that the media does not have a direct effect on the audience. [24]

**END OF QUESTION PAPER**

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