

GCE AS AND A LEVEL SOCIOLOGY (WALES)

SUMMARY OF ASSESSMENT

Summer 2022 only

This specification is divided into a total of 4 units, 2 AS unit and 2 A2 units. Weightings noted below are expressed in terms of the full A level qualification.

AS Unit 1: Acquiring Culture Written examination: 1 hour 15 minutes 37.5% of qualification	
	60 marks
Section A	15 marks
This section comprises one structured question on the key concepts and processes of cultural transmission, socialisation and the acquisition of identity.	
Section B	45 marks
This section offers a choice between two options:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> families and households youth cultures 	
Each option includes compulsory questions and a choice between two essay questions.	
AS Unit 2: Understanding Society and Methods of Sociological Enquiry Written examination: 2 hours 62.5% of qualification	
	90 marks
Section A Methods of Sociological Enquiry	35 marks
This section comprises one compulsory question. This will be based on stimulus material which will be a synopsis of a piece of sociological research.	
Section B Understanding Society	55 marks
This section offers a choice between three options:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> education media religion 	
Each option includes compulsory questions based on data and a choice between two essay questions.	

A2 Unit 3: Power and Control

Written examination: 2 hours

41.6% of qualification

70 marks

The questions in this section are on the theme of power. There is a choice between four options:

- crime and deviance
- health and disability
- politics (for assessment in 2021 only)
- world sociology

Each option includes compulsory questions and a choice between two essay questions

A2 Unit 4: Social Inequality and Applied Methods of Sociological Enquiry

Written examination: 2 hours 15 minutes

58.3% of qualification

100 marks

Section A Applied Methods of Sociological Enquiry

40 marks

One compulsory question which will require learners to design; justify and evaluate a piece of sociological research.

Section B Social Inequality

60 marks

Questions in this section are on the theme of social differentiation and stratification.

These will include a compulsory question and a choice between two essay questions.

This adapted version of GCE Sociology is available for entry in **2022 only**.

Candidates entering the qualification in 2023 should use the approved [specification](#).

AS**Unit 1 Acquiring Culture**

Questions 2b and c and questions 3b and c would cover only the following subject content and be based on sociological theory rather than explanations:

Families and Households - theoretical perspectives of families and households: functionalist, Marxist, feminist, postmodernist, New Right.

Youth Cultures - theoretical perspectives of youth cultures: functionalist, Marxist, feminist, postmodernist, interactionist.

Weightings of assessment objectives and skills coverage remain the same.

Unit 2 Understanding Society and Methods of Sociological Enquiry

There are no changes to this unit.

A2**Unit 3 Power and Control**

Questions 1b and c; 2b and c; 3b and c; would only cover the following:

Crime and deviance - theories and explanations of crime and deviance: functionalist, Marxist, neo-Marxist, interactionist, right and left realism, postmodernist, feminist, subcultural.

Health and disability - theories and explanations of health and disability: functionalist, Marxist, interactionist, feminist, postmodernist, biomedical model.

World Sociology - theories and explanations of development: Marxist, modernisation, dependency, world systems theory.

A2 Unit 4: Social Inequality and Applied Methods of Sociological Enquiry

There are no changes to this unit.