

PROGRESS IN SOCIOLOGY, YEARS 12-13

Grade	AO1:	AO2:	AO3:
A*	An excellent knowledge and a depth and breadth of understanding of a range of sociological material together with knowledge of relevant concepts and theories ; the material is accurate . There is a well-developed line of reasoning which is clear and logically structured .	The candidate demonstrates an excellent ability to apply relevant sociological material. The material is consistently and frequently related to the question.	An excellent ability to analyse and evaluate sociological material in a sustained way, with a range of strengths and weaknesses discussed, giving the response a reflective tone . The candidate reaches a credible and fully supported critical conclusion .
A	A very good knowledge and understanding of a range of sociological material, together with some understanding of sociological evidence, theories and/or concepts, but this is not fully developed ; the material is generally accurate and detailed. The material is generally clear and accurate , though may contain some errors . There is a well-developed line of reasoning which is clear and logically structured .	The candidate shows a very good ability to apply sociological knowledge. The material is explicitly and frequently related to the question.	A very good ability to analyse and evaluate sociological material, with a range of strengths and weaknesses discussed in a balanced way. The candidate reaches a critical conclusion . The response may be lacking depth and/or detail at times.
B	A good knowledge and understanding of sociological material, together with some use of sociological concepts or theory but it may be underdeveloped . There is a line of reasoning presented with some structure . The information presented is in the most-part relevant and supported by some evidence.	The candidate demonstrates a good ability to apply sociological material. The material is generally relevant and is explicitly related to the question on occasions .	A good ability to analyse and evaluate sociological material, with some strengths and weaknesses discussed explicitly but these may be underdeveloped . The candidate reaches a reasoned conclusion that is generally supported .
C	A competent knowledge and understanding but the response either lacks breadth or lacks detail , and may contain inaccuracies . Knowledge and understanding of evidence, theories and concepts is under developed . There is a line of reasoning that has some relevance and is supported by limited evidence .	The candidate shows a competent ability to apply sociological knowledge. The material is occasionally related to the question and relevance is often implicit .	A competent ability to evaluate and analyse sociological material, raising a few clear points but these may be narrow or only partially developed . The evaluation is not balanced and is based mainly on the juxtaposition of arguments. There is an explicit but under-developed conclusion .
D	A basic knowledge and understanding but the response lacks breadth and detail , and may occasionally be confused or inaccurate . Knowledge and understanding of evidence, theories and concepts may be partial, inaccurate and undeveloped or omitted . The information has some relevance and is presented with limited structure . The information is supported by limited evidence .	The candidate demonstrates a basic ability to apply sociological material. The material is related to the question mainly implicitly and lacks focus on the question. The response may be generalised .	A basic ability to analyse and evaluate sociological material. Several generalised points are raised or asserted with little supporting discussion . Arguments may simply be juxtaposed . If present, the conclusion is likely to be summative .
E	A basic knowledge and understanding of a range of sociological material that is either narrow or under-developed ; the response, shows inaccuracy or lack of clarity . The information is basic and communicated in a poorly structured way . The information is supported by limited evidence or the relationship to the evidence may not be clear .	The candidate shows a basic ability to apply sociological knowledge. The material is only implicitly related to the question and is mainly irrelevant	A basic ability to evaluate and analyse sociological material. A few generalised points are raised with little supporting evidence or argument . Assertions are likely to be juxtaposed simply and implicitly . The conclusion is summative rather than evaluative.