

Introduction

The specification for Sociology AS in a “normal” year comprises of 2 units which together count towards the overall award of the Sociology GCE.

Unit 1 Acquiring Culture – this is a written examination of 1 hour 15 mins

Unit 2 Understanding Society and methods of Social Enquiry - this is a written examination of 2 hours

In June 2020 WJEC announced amendments to the course due to the Covid-19 pandemic. There were no changes to either of the AS units. This has been reflected in the content that has been taught to year 12 and is reflected in the assessment points shown below.

Sources of evidence for Centre Determined Grades in Sociology AS

Assessment point 1 = Past paper exam questions completed in lesson under **high control** (a timed 40-mark essay) on theoretical perspectives of Acquiring Culture. Completed during the week beginning the 9th of November.

Assessment point 2 = Past paper question on explanations for the development of Youth Culture and the relationship to Social Class completed in lesson under **high control** using WJEC past papers and mark schemes in the week beginning the 14th of December.

Assessment point 3 = Activity based on part paper question concerning explanations for Social Class Inequality. Completed outside of the classroom without direct supervision following an online lesson. This was completed in students own time under **low control** due to a period of /lockdown in the week beginning 8th March.

Assessment point 4 = Past paper question on Understanding Society (Education) responding to an item on Inequality in education and describing and evaluating explanations for the functions of education. Completed in lessons under **high control** conditions in the week beginning the 22nd of March.

Assessment point 5 = Standardised assessment materials provided by WJEC to assess all covered content in Unit 1 (**27th of April**) This assessment was completed during one lesson under **high control**

Assessment point 6 = Standardised assessment materials provided by WJEC to assess all covered content in unit 2. This assessment was completed during one lesson under **high control. (11th May)**

Class work = A range of knowledge and skills are demonstrated by students in Sociology lessons through their performance in low stakes summative assessment which includes recall tests, quizzes, verbal answers to question, small tasks carried out that are not necessarily graded or levelled, longer independent learning tasks and other low stakes tests such as use of online resources. Students Sociological skills in assessment, analysis, critical thinking and evaluation have been closely monitored by teachers this year.

Non-Examined Assessment = There has been some research work completed by students to be considered in a portfolio of evidence in June 2020.

