

Applying material from an item - Used as a preface to a command telling students to draw on material from a selected piece of information provided as part of the exam question.

Assess - Consider several arguments and come to a conclusion

Analyse - Separate information into components and identify their characteristics.

Outline and explain - Set out main characteristics and develop these purposes or reasons.

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Define - Specify meaning.

Evaluate - Judge from available evidence.

Explain - Set out purposes or reasons/ brief account

A01- A02 – A03

A01- demonstrate knowledge and understanding

- Sociological theory, concepts and evidence
- Sociological research methods

A02 – apply sociological theories, concepts, evidence and research methods to a range of issues

A03 – analyse and evaluate sociological theories, concepts, evidence and research methods in order to:

- Present arguments
- Make judgements
- Draw conclusions

Sociology

What is the exam question asking me?



Application marks can be gained by

Linking to the item/stem
Linking to different areas or topics within a unit
Linking to different units in sociology
Linking to sociological theory
Linking to the core themes
Discussing the impact of a situation

Outline for 4/6 markers

One mark for factor and one mark for development of factor

For example....
This is because....
This means that....

Ways to evaluate

Applications
Implications
Ethical issues
Data type and collection
Exceptions
Supporting research
Contradicting research

Ways to assess

Identify links between ideas
Compare and contrast ideas in your essay
Mini conclusions- at the end of each paragraph,
Link back to your question

Analysis sentence starters:

The relevance of this is...
This indicates/ suggests....
This is similar to/different from...
Therefore...
Put simply....
The implication of this....
This means/does not mean....
A consequence of...

Evaluation starters:

One strength/limitation of this is.....
One consequence of this would be....
This is supported by....
This is challenged by....
Not everyone reacts in the same way, for example....
However.....
On the other hand.....
There may be cultural variations.....
Therefore we can conclude....
There are flaws in the methodology, for example.....
An important ethical consideration is...
Another psychologist disagreed, arguing that

This has important implications
The advantage of this study is

An alternative explanation could be

This has been applied to

This study lacked ecological validity because

This theory could be considered.....
deterministic/ reductionist

Core themes in sociology

Socialisation
Culture
Identity
Social differentiation
Power
Stratification