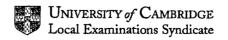
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# **INTERNATIONAL GCSE**

# MAXIMUM MARK: 30 SYLLABUS/COMPONENT: 0495/02 SOCIOLOGY



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### 1. TARGET: SKILLS OBJ. 3 - INTERPRETATION OF EVIDENCE

TOTAL: 2 MARKS

### 2. TARGET: SKILLS OBJS.6 - SOCIOLOGICAL METHODS AND RESEARCH STRATEGIES

LEVEL 1 - the candidate simply describes a case study as research into a particular example

LEVEL 2 - the candidate accurately describes a case study as research into a particular example to learn about other members of the research population

TOTAL: 2 MARKS

### 3. TARGET: SKILLS OBJ. 6 - SOCIOLOGICAL METHODS AND RESEARCH STRATEGIES

Two marks are available for each advantage correctly identified, with one mark per extension to a suitable explanation. The candidate may identify:

- may get valid evidence
- may get detailed evidence
- can compare case study with other evidence/documents
- can compare case study with other members of the research population
- may be cheaper and less time consuming than other methods
- may be used to guide further research and other methods
- other suitable response

LEVEL 1 - The candidate describes one advantage

1-2 marks

LEVEL 2 - The candidate describes two advantages

3-4 marks

TOTAL: 4 MARKS

### 4. TARGET: SKILLS OBJ. 4 - LIMITATIONS OF EVIDENCE

Candidates may identify the following possible reasons:

- · Errors in collection of evidence
- Researcher bias
- Subject bias
- Changes in behaviour of subject as a result of being studied
- Unrepresentative sample
- Other suitable response

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One mark for each reason correctly identified, plus one for a suitable extension/explanation of each, up to a maximum of three reasons.

TOTAL: 6 MARKS

### 5. TARGET: SKILLS OBJS. 6 - SOCIOLOGICAL METHODS AND RESEARCH STRATEGIES

LEVEL 1 - the candidate simply describes documentary evidence as material used in sociological research that already exists 1 mark

LEVEL 2 - the candidate accurately describes documentary evidence as systematic study of existing documents and material to gather evidence related to the topic of the research 2 marks

TOTAL: 2 MARKS

# 6. TARGET: SKILLS OBJS. 4 - RECOGNISE STRENGTHS OF SOCIOLOGICAL METHODS AND EVIDENCE

The candidate may identify the following strengths:

- Already exists
- · Should be cheap to gather
- Relatively easy to analyse; not time consuming
- authentic material related to actual social\*life
- detailed information may be obtained
- accurate information may be obtained high validity
- other suitable response

The candidate may identify the following weaknesses:

- documents may be difficult to understand and interpret
- documents may be difficult to locate
- researcher bias may affect interpretation of documents
- difficult to get permission to obtain documents
- documents may contain bias and not be reliable
- other suitable response

One mark is available for each advantage and disadvantage correctly identified, up to a maximum of two.

2 marks

TOTAL: 2 MARKS

### 7. TARGET: KNOWLEDGE OBJS. 5 - REACHING CONCLUSIONS BASED UPON EVIDENCE

There are three areas of discussion:

(i) Sample size - one man in one religious group in one country (ii) Nature of the evidence - selected sample of diary; (iii) Source of the evidence - research report.

LEVEL 1 - one of these issues discussed clearly

1-2 marks

LEVEL 2 - two of these issues discussed clearly

3-4 marks

LEVEL 3 - three of these issues discussed clearly

5-6 marks

TOTAL: 6 MARKS

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8. TARGET:	KNOWLEDGE OBJS. 4 - LIMITATIONS AND BIAS IN EVIDENCE
The candida	te may identify the following sources of bias or inaccuracy:
• loadina	questions; ambiguous questions; etc.

### 8. TARGET: KNOWLEDGE OBJS. 4 - LIMITATIONS AND BIAS IN EVIDENCE

- · leading questions; ambiguous questions; etc.
- researcher bias in interpretation of responses
- subject bias in responses
- · recording errors and bias
- poor sample
- poor response rates
- other relevant response
- LEVEL 1 The candidate describes one source of bias accurately 1 mark
- The candidate describes two sources of bias accurately 2 marks
- LEVEL 3 -The candidate describes three sources of bias accurately 3 marks

TOTAL: 3 MARKS

### 9. TARGET: KNOWLEDGE OBJECTIVE 6 and 7 - SOCIOLOGICAL METHODS AND RESEARCH STRATEGIES

- The candidate suggests some evidence but the justification LEVEL 1 is unclear or implied only
- The candidate makes a clear connection between the evidence LEVEL 2 suggested and the purpose of the investigation, however the range and sources of evidence is limited - usually only one main source
- As level 2, but the range of sources and the types of evidence LEVEL 3 are greater and more carefully explained; usually 2/3 sources and both primary and secondary evidence; e.g. interviews, statistics, questionnaires, previous research, etc.

3 marks

TOTAL: 3 MARKS

OVERALL TOTAL: 30 MARKS