

Lesson 1 Assessment: Mark Guidance

AQA A Level Sociology 7192 • L001 • Original question

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Marks	Indicative characteristics
5–6	Two distinct, accurate, developed explanations. Concepts are used meaningfully and the link between society and choice is clear.
3–4	Some accurate sociological knowledge; two ways identified with uneven development, or one developed well.
1–2	Limited relevant knowledge; simple assertion/example with little explanation.
0	Nothing creditworthy.

Indicative content

Possible routes include socialisation and norms; educational opportunity; class/economic resources; gender expectations; law/policy; peers; media; location. Credit other sociologically valid routes.

Model response

One way choices may be influenced by society is through socialisation. People learn norms and values from families, education, peers and media, so some options may appear more normal or desirable than others. For example, gender expectations may influence which careers a person considers, although agency means the individual can resist those expectations. A second influence is social structure. A person may want to attend a particular university, but family income, previous educational opportunities or location can affect which choices are realistically available. The decision is personal, but it is made within social opportunities and constraints.