

Six mark assessment guidance

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Explain two ways family life may be diverse. [6 marks]

Original local classroom bridge. Question ID: RFTS-AQA-AL-SOC-7192-FAM-L005-Q001. This is not an official AQA Paper 2 mark scheme.

How to award marks

For each of two distinct dimensions: 1 mark for identifying it accurately, 1 for an appropriate example and 1 for explaining what varies. Maximum 3 per dimension; total 6. Award components independently. Do not count two examples of the same dimension twice.

No creditworthy material = 0. Credit alternative accurate dimensions, including changes across the life course. Do not double-credit a repeated dimension.

Model response

Family forms differ. A couple with children and a lone parent with a child have different compositions. Both may provide care, so variation in membership does not itself establish the quality of their relationships. This illustrates diversity between family forms.

Practices also differ within a form. Cases A and B both contain two parents and a child, but they divide unpaid care differently. The same structural category can therefore contain different experiences of responsibility and power. This illustrates diversity within a family form.

Why this earns the marks

The model develops composition and practice as distinct dimensions, each with an example and explanation: indicative 6/6. Credit a developed life-course dimension as an alternative. Do not reward moral rankings as sociological explanations.