

Ten mark assessment guidance

AQA A Level Sociology 7192 • Families & Households • L007 • v1.0

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Outline and explain two ways families may contribute to social stability. [10 marks]

Original Paper 2-style practice. Question ID: RFTS-AQA-AL-SOC-7192-FAM-L007-Q002. Local best-fit guidance; not an official or endorsed AQA mark scheme.

Assessment focus

Two distinct contributions to social stability, with an explained mechanism linking family activities and wider social life. Reward accurate knowledge, application and analysis. No separate introduction, conclusion or evaluation paragraph is required.

Marks	Best fit characteristics
8–10	Accurate, detailed knowledge. Two distinct ways or reasons applied to the question, with sustained explanation of how each operates.
4–7	Some accurate knowledge and relevant application. Two explanations may be uneven, or only one developed. Links to the question are partly explained.
1–3	Limited relevant knowledge. Assertions or examples dominate, with little explanation of the process relevant to the question.
0	No relevant creditworthy material.

Read the whole response and choose the closest band, then a mark reflecting precision and development. One developed explanation cannot enter 8–10. Do not give fixed marks per paragraph.

Model and feedback

Families may contribute through socialisation. When carers teach children expectations such as taking turns, repeated interaction can build shared understandings of acceptable conduct. People can then anticipate one another's behaviour more easily. A functionalist would argue that this helps reproduce shared norms across generations, contributing to regularity in wider social relationships.

Families may also contribute through economic cooperation. Pooling income and providing care can meet the material needs of members who are not in paid work. In the Vale case, the child depends on shared resources for food and housing. Such provision can sustain members' everyday participation in social life and help reproduce the conditions on which other institutions depend.

Indicative judgement

The model develops socialisation and economic cooperation as distinct processes. Each moves from an activity to a possible contribution to wider stability. Do not require agreement with functionalism, a conclusion or a separate evaluation paragraph for this question. This illustrates the top band; the exact mark depends on the complete response.

Improvement target

If a paragraph lists an activity, add how it could sustain shared expectations or material conditions. If both paragraphs describe socialisation, develop a separate process such as economic cooperation.

Alignment source

AQA Paper 2 specimen scheme: outline-and-explain format and level-based approach. Questions and models are original. <https://filestore.aqa.org.uk/resources/sociology/AQA-71922-SMS.PDF>