

Six mark assessment guidance

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Explain two functions of the family identified by Murdock. [6 marks]

Original local classroom bridge. Question ID: RFTS-AQA-AL-SOC-7192-FAM-L007-Q001. This is not an official AQA Paper 2 mark scheme.

How to award marks

For each of two distinct Murdock functions: 1 mark for identifying it accurately, 1 for explaining its operation and 1 for an appropriate example. Maximum 3 per function; total 6. Award components independently. Accept sexual, reproductive, educational or economic functions.

No creditworthy material = 0. Do not award two functions for two examples of socialisation. Emotional stabilisation alone is not one of Murdock's named four; learners encounter Parsons' emphasis in L008.

Model response

The educational function transmits a society's culture to children. By learning expectations through everyday interaction, children acquire ways of acting that can make social behaviour more predictable. In the Vale case, parents teaching turn-taking illustrate this process of socialisation.

The economic function involves cooperation to meet material needs. Family members may pool resources so that people who are not earning still receive food and housing. In the Vale case, shared income supports the child as well as the adults.

Why this earns the marks

The model identifies and explains educational and economic functions, each with a case example: indicative 6/6. No evaluation paragraph is required for this local bridge task. Credit accurate general examples where the question does not require the case.