

Ten mark assessment guidance

AQA A Level Sociology 7192 • Families & Households • L009 • v1.0

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Outline and explain two reasons family life may benefit members unequally. [10 marks]

Original Paper 2-style practice. Question ID: RFTS-AQA-AL-SOC-7192-FAM-L009-Q002. Local best-fit guidance; not an official or endorsed AQA mark scheme.

Assessment focus

Develop two distinct explanations that answer the exact question. Apply concepts accurately and explain each connection rather than listing names or examples. 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

Unequal responsibility for unpaid care can distribute opportunities unevenly. If one adult repeatedly adjusts paid work to meet caring needs, that adult may lose training, earnings and time for rest. Other members can receive the care while retaining opportunities. The household may gain overall support, but examining who provides it reveals unequal benefits and opportunity costs.

Unequal decision-making power can affect access to resources. Pooling income does not guarantee that every member has an equal say over spending or use of shared space. If one person controls major decisions, their preferences may receive priority while another person's needs are postponed. Investigating control as well as total income therefore helps explain why members of the same family may benefit differently.

Indicative judgement

The two paragraphs develop different mechanisms or reasons, apply them to the question and explain their implications. Accept other accurate, developed approaches; these models are not the only creditworthy answers. This illustrates the top band; the exact mark depends on the complete response.

Improvement target

Underline the two distinct points. Circle each case or example and add the missing “because” or “therefore” link. Check that the response answers the stem and does not turn an illustrative case into a population claim.

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>