TEACHER MARK GUIDANCE

Ten mark assessment guidance

AQA A Level Sociology 7192 • Families & Households • L011 • v1.0

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Outline and explain two ways families may transmit economic advantage. [10 marks]

Original Paper 2-style practice. Question ID: RFTS-AQA-AL-SOC-7192-FAM-L011-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

A transfer of assets can give the next generation a stronger financial position. An inherited property or savings may reduce housing costs, generate income or provide collateral. These resources can then make further saving and investment easier. The resulting cumulative advantage explains how family wealth can persist even when recipients' current wages resemble those of people without inherited assets.

Support during periods of low earnings can transmit advantage indirectly. A family that meets living costs while an adult undertakes training makes it easier to pursue a qualification with a possible later return. Another equally qualified person may need immediate earnings and postpone study. Family support therefore affects the range of realistic choices, without guaranteeing that the supported person will complete the course or secure better employment.

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