TEACHER MARK GUIDANCE

# Ten mark assessment guidance

AQA A Level Sociology 7192 • Families & Households • L012 • v1.0

CONNECT & CHECK | SHARE | PRESENT | APPLY | RECALL & REVIEW

Outline and explain two ways family practices may reproduce gender inequality. [10 marks]

Original Paper 2-style practice. Question ID: RFTS-AQA-AL-SOC-7192-FAM-L012-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 |
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| 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

Gender socialisation can reproduce unequal expectations about responsibility. When children repeatedly see women expected to organise care and men praised mainly for earning, those arrangements may appear normal. Children can then carry these expectations into later relationships, making unequal domestic roles more likely to persist. This is a social learning mechanism, not a claim that children always copy or that abilities are fixed by sex.

An unequal division of domestic responsibility can also reproduce inequality through paid-work opportunities. The person expected to adjust employment whenever care is needed may miss training, promotion or earnings. Lower independent resources can then weaken their negotiating position over future arrangements. The process links unpaid work to resource inequality, while changes in workplace support or household negotiation may interrupt it.

### 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