

Ten mark assessment guidance

AQA A Level Sociology 7192 • Families & Households • L013 • v1.0

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Outline and explain two reasons feminists may favour different family reforms. [10 marks]

Original Paper 2-style practice. Question ID: RFTS-AQA-AL-SOC-7192-FAM-L013-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

Different diagnoses of inequality lead to different priorities. A liberal feminist emphasis on discriminatory barriers may favour fair promotion practices and a more equal division of care. A Marxist feminist analysis asks how privately organised unpaid work sustains capitalist production and dependence, so it may prioritise collective care provision or wider economic change. The preferred reform follows from what each approach identifies as producing the inequality.

Different assessments of women's circumstances can also shape proposed reforms. An intersectional analysis asks whether a policy benefits women whose employment or service access is restricted by racism, disability or class resources. A reform that assumes everyone has a secure job and accessible childcare may leave those barriers untouched. Recognising these interacting constraints can therefore lead to more differentiated proposals than a policy based on one assumed experience of womanhood.

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>