

Six mark assessment guidance

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Explain two differences between feminist approaches to the family. [6 marks]

Original local classroom bridge. Question ID: RFTS-AQA-AL-SOC-7192-FAM-L013-Q001. This is not an official AQA Paper 2 mark scheme.

How to award marks

For each of two distinct points: 1 mark for an accurate relevant identification, 1 for explaining the mechanism or distinction and 1 for a developed example or comparison showing its relevance. Maximum 3 per point; total 6. Award components independently.

No creditworthy material = 0. Accept valid alternatives and equivalent wording. Credit comparisons where the question requests differences. Do not double-credit repeated versions of the same point. A name alone is not an explanation.

Model response

Liberal feminism stresses reducing discriminatory practices through reform, while Marxist feminism links inequality to capitalist economic relations. Equal access to promotion addresses a workplace barrier, whereas reorganising unpaid care targets a wider material basis of inequality. The approaches therefore differ in their diagnosis and the scale of change emphasised.

Marxist feminism foregrounds capitalism's relationship with women's unpaid labour, while radical feminism places patriarchy and male power at the centre. A couple can share a class position while one partner controls the other's domestic work. Radical analysis makes that gendered power a central problem rather than treating class alone as sufficient.

Why this earns the marks

Each paragraph identifies a distinct relevant point, develops its meaning and demonstrates the connection through an example or comparison: indicative 6/6 under this local rubric.