

## Six mark assessment guidance

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AQA A Level Sociology 7192 • Families & Households • L018 • v1.0

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Explain two limitations of using annual marriage counts to understand relationship change. [6 marks]

Original local classroom bridge. Question ID: RFTS-AQA-AL-SOC-7192-FAM-L018-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

A count does not allow for the size of the population able to marry. If that population changes, the number of weddings may change even when the likelihood of marrying is similar. A rate with an explicit denominator therefore adds information to the count.

Annual counts cannot distinguish postponed weddings from a rejection of marriage. A couple saving for housing may marry several years later. A low count in one year therefore does not establish lifetime non-marriage or a loss of commitment.

### 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.