

Six mark assessment guidance

AQA A Level Sociology 7192 • Families & Households • L021 • v1.0

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Explain two differences between legal recognition and everyday family practices. [6 marks]

Original local classroom bridge. Question ID: RFTS-AQA-AL-SOC-7192-FAM-L021-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

Legal recognition concerns an officially available status, whereas care is an activity people perform. A couple may acquire marital status while continuing the same daily support for relatives. The legal change therefore need not mark the beginning of the relationship or its care practices.

Everyday family ties can include people outside a recognised couple status. A long-standing friend may be treated as family because of mutual support. Marriage records describe legal partnerships, so they do not map every meaningful relationship within a care network.

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.