

Ten mark assessment guidance

AQA A Level Sociology 7192 • Families & Households • L022 • v1.0

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Outline and explain two ways social and economic conditions may affect lone-parent families. [10 marks]

Original Paper 2-style practice. Question ID: RFTS-AQA-AL-SOC-7192-FAM-L022-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

The organisation of paid work can affect how care and earnings are combined. A parent with unpredictable shifts may find that childcare is unavailable at the required times, limiting feasible hours or increasing costs. This connects labour-market conditions to family resources through a care constraint. It explains a possible mechanism without assuming the parent lacks motivation or that all lone parents face the same conditions.

Access to support can affect the responsibilities carried within a household. Nearby relatives, a non-resident parent or suitable services may share care and transport, creating time for paid work, study or rest. Distance, availability and resources influence whether that help is usable. Household composition alone therefore cannot show the full conditions shaping a lone-parent family's options.

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>