

Six mark assessment guidance

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

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Explain two reasons why lone-parent families may have different experiences. [6 marks]

Original local classroom bridge. Question ID: RFTS-AQA-AL-SOC-7192-FAM-L022-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

Care and employment conditions can differ. Predictable work hours and available childcare may make paid work feasible for one parent, while changing shifts and limited provision constrain another. Their shared household category therefore does not imply the same opportunities.

Support networks can provide different resources across household boundaries. A non-resident parent or relative may share care and travel in one case, while another network provides emotional support but cannot cover routine care. The type and reliability of help can affect experiences even where both families have one co-resident parent.

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.