

L027 Decision-making and power - MarkScheme

AQA A Level Sociology 7192 • Families & Households • Couples • 90 minutes

Mark guidance

4 marks: 2 accurate definitions with examples. 10 marks: two developed applied points; AO1/AO2/AO3 integrated. 30 marks: sustained argument, evidence, evaluation and judgement.

Indicative content

Edgell: relevant for AO1; apply mechanism to item for AO2; evaluate with Useful for visible decision-making, but may miss agenda-setting power.

Pahl & Vogler: relevant for AO1; apply mechanism to item for AO2; evaluate with Connects decisions to access to money, not only attitudes.

Barrett & McIntosh: relevant for AO1; apply mechanism to item for AO2; evaluate with Shows structural power, though contemporary employment patterns vary.

Feminist critiques: relevant for AO1; apply mechanism to item for AO2; evaluate with Adds depth beyond counting decisions.

Sources: AQA specification:

<https://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/sociology/a-level/sociology-7192/specification/subject-content/topics-in-sociology>; ONS Time Use in the UK 2023:

<https://www.ons.gov.uk/peoplepopulationandcommunity/personalandhouseholdfinances/incomeandwealth/bulletins/timeuseintheuk/23septemberto1october2023>; ONS Families and the Labour Market:

<https://www.ons.gov.uk/employmentandlabourmarket/peopleinwork/employmentandemployeetypes/articles/familiesandthelabourmarketengland/2021>; British Social Attitudes gender roles:

<https://natcen.ac.uk/publications/british-social-attitudes-40-gender-roles>; AQA assessment materials:

<https://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/sociology/a-level/sociology-7192/assessment-resources>