

L028 Money and financial power - Workbook

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

Connect & check

Define the core concept and identify one relevant perspective before the new teaching begins.

Focus	Detailed notes
Key terms	financial control, pooling, allowance systems, independent management, resources, dependence, economic abuse
Theory reminder	Marxist/socialist feminism: financial inequality connects family power to labour-market inequality and unpaid care.; Liberal feminism: equal access to paid work and rights can improve bargaining power, but access is not always equal.; New Right: may stress family stability and responsibility, but can underplay unequal control and dependence.
Study focus	Pahl & Vogler; Barrett & McIntosh; Contemporary policy context; Coercive control lens

Study organiser

Pahl & Vogler: Different money-management systems can reveal unequal control even when income is shared. Evaluation: A key study for distinguishing access, control and management.

Barrett & McIntosh: Men may gain more from women's domestic labour and financial dependence. Evaluation: Highlights structural inequality but needs comparison with changing employment.

Contemporary policy context: Benefits, childcare costs and insecure work can shape financial dependence. Evaluation: Connects household power to wider structures.

Coercive control lens: Financial control can restrict choices even without visible conflict. Evaluation: Requires careful, non-sensational handling and support signposting in teaching notes.

Apply

Choose ACCESS, SCAFFOLD, CORE or STRETCH. Use the fictional case and write a developed paragraph. Include one concept, one named study and one evaluative sentence.

ACCESS: _____

SCAFFOLD: _____

CORE: _____

STRETCH: _____

Exam practice

Applying material from Item A, analyse two ways money-management systems may create unequal power in couples. [10 marks]

Plan: point 1 / point 2 / evidence / evaluation.

Evaluate the view that financial equality is the main source of power equality in relationships. [30 marks]

30-mark judgement plan: argument, counter-argument, evidence, conclusion.

Sources: AQA specification:

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