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A Level Sociology

H580/01 Socialisation, culture and identity

Time allowed: 1 hour 30 minutes

You must have:
- the OCR 12-page Answer Booklet

INSTRUCTIONS
- Use black ink.
- Write your answer to each question in the Answer Booklet. The question numbers must be clearly shown.
- Fill in the boxes on the front of the Answer Booklet.
- Answer **all** the questions in Section A.
- Choose **one** option in Section B and answer **all** the questions for that option.

INFORMATION
- The total mark for this paper is **90**.
- The marks for each question are shown in brackets **[ ]**.
- Quality of extended response will be assessed in questions marked with an asterisk (*).
- This document has **4** pages.

ADVICE
- Read each question carefully before you start your answer.

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Section A

Read the source material.

Source A

Interview with an employee after their first day at work

Research was conducted with a range of employees regarding socialisation in the workplace. The researchers were interested in how the workplace changed individuals and how their norms and values adapted. One person spoke about their experience of the first day at their new job:

'I was glad I got up early and arrived on time as I did not know how important time-keeping was in this role. At my last job I could come and go as I pleased, but now I have to sign in and out when I arrive or leave. I wore my best suit but then was told I had to wear the company uniform of a blue jacket and black trousers – I thought it looked horrible. I have now got to attend training sessions to learn about the different departments in the company. Thankfully they have teamed me up with a workplace colleague they call a 'buddy' – this is someone who will help train me and is someone I can go to if I need help. It's all been a big shock but in the end I think I am going to like this job.'

Source B

Supermarket employee serving a customer at the checkout

1 Explain, using examples, the concept of subculture. **[6]**

2* Using **sources A** and **B** and your wider sociological knowledge, explain how the workplace is an agent of socialisation. **[12]**

3* Outline and briefly evaluate the view that traditional ethnic identities remain important. **[20]**

Section B

Choose **one** option from this section and answer **all** the questions for that option.

OPTION 1

Families and relationships

4* Outline **two** reasons for the declining birth-rate in the UK. **[12]**

5* Explain and briefly evaluate the view that an ageing population negatively affects family life. **[16]**

6* Assess postmodern views of the nuclear family. **[24]**

OPTION 2

Youth subcultures

7* Outline **two** examples of spectacular youth subcultures. **[12]**

8* Explain and briefly evaluate the view that female subcultures are often invisible. **[16]**

9* Assess the view that the media is the main cause of youth deviance. **[24]**

OPTION 3

Media

10* Outline **two** sociological examples of the direct effect theories of the media. **[12]**

11* Explain and briefly evaluate the view that media representations of ethnicity are changing. **[16]**

12* Assess the feminist view that the media is patriarchal. **[24]**

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