

MATRICULATION AND SECONDARY EDUCATION CERTIFICATE EXAMINATIONS
BOARD

UNIVERSITY OF MALTA

ADVANCED LEVEL SAMPLE PAPER SYLLABUS 2017

SUBJECT: AM 35 SOCIOLOGY
DATE:
TIME: 2 hours each

(Three two-hour papers. Each paper carries equal marks)

RUBRIC PER PAPER

PAPER 1

Answer ALL the questions

Marks allocated to each component are indicated in brackets.

PAPER 2

Answer ANY TWO questions.

Questions carry equal marks.

PAPER 3

Answer ANY TWO questions.

Questions carry equal marks.

Paper 1

Answer ALL the questions

Marks allocated to each component are indicated in brackets.

1. Use two different sociological perspectives of your choice to discuss how personal identity is influenced by cultural values and formed in social relations. (25)

2. Discuss the ways in which social class impacts on identity. (20)
3. How do postmodernists approach the formation of identity? Discuss. (20)
4. Using examples, describe and comment on the ways in which globalisation has an impact on culture. (20)
5. How is a person's gender different from their sex? (15)

Paper 2

Answer ANY TWO questions.

Questions carry equal marks.

1. Feminists are critical of how Functionalists ignore harmful effects the family may have especially on women. Elaborate on this statement.
 2. Illustrate how the global religious landscape nowadays includes a combination of both secular and fundamentalist forces.
 3. Discuss the view that human sexuality is socially constructed and therefore cannot be explained as a universal biological phenomenon.
 4. Income poverty is only one factor which may exclude people from social participation. Explain how people may experience social exclusion.
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Paper 3

Answer ANY TWO questions.

Questions carry equal marks.

1. Examine the relationship between consumerism and environmental damage.
 2. The assumption that the audience passively accepts media messages is oversimplistic. Discuss.
 3. Discuss and illustrate by means of examples the social processes involved in racism.
 4. Labelling theorists insist that deviance is socially constructed through interaction. Explain.
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