

Lower 6 Theory and Methods (Main)

1hr 30 mins

Answer both questions

Section A

Sociology aims to understand what humans do, not through studying the biological or individual psychological make-up of individuals, but by examining the ways that the society in which they live influences and shapes what they do. In the debate about whether humans behave 'naturally' or are 'nurtured', sociologists are firmly on the side of nurture. They claim that in order to participate effectively in society we must learn particular roles and the norms and values appropriate to them through interaction with other individuals. This process is called 'socialisation'.

However, there are different views in sociology about how individuals learn the norms and values of society. For example, is a social identity something that can be chosen and interpreted by individual actors or is an individual's identity more like the part an actor learns for a performance where their role and lines have already been written for them?

a) What is meant by the term Primary socialisation ?

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b) Describe two agencies of Secondary socialisation.

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c) Explain how children learn the culture and norms of the society.

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d) Assess the view that socialization is a two way process.

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Section B

2. Assess the view that the functionalist model of society raises a lot of criticisms

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