**A-Level Sociology Essay Feedback Sheet**

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| Name: | Topic: |

**AO1 Knowledge and Understanding**

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| No points relevant to the question. | Some points with vague relevance to the question. | Good knowledge shown but descriptive and lacking evidence. | Good knowledge often backed up with relevant studies and data. | Excellent awareness of relevant principles, theories and methods backed up with appropriate use of evidence. |
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**AO2 Interpretation and application**

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| No interpretation of sociological material. | Limited use of material to analyse sociological debates and arguments. | Solid awareness of sociological arguments, but often in the form of description with little critical element. | Shows good awareness of competing arguments although these may not be treated fully critically. | Excellent ability to apply concepts, theories and evidence to support arguments whilst working to a clear conclusion. |
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**AO3 Analysis and Evaluation**

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| No evidence of being able to analyse and assess sociological material and arguments. | Some analysis offered, but basic, lacking detail and skewed towards description. | Analysis is good, but likely to be list-like and mainly descriptive. | There is a reasoned and balanced analysis, although this veers towards reproduction of knowledge rather than critical thinking. | Excellent and consistent com parative and/or critical analysis demonstrated whilst recognising the limitations of evidence. |
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**What you did well: Your essay is:**

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| Relevant and focused on the question. Addresses the main issues. | Organised and well structured. Has clarity and is easily read. | Analysis and evaluation explicit and balanced. | Informed by relevant research and evidence. | Includes Sociological terminology and concepts. |

**Thing to work on…. Try to…**

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| Include more research evidence | Link your narrative and analysis to the mark scheme. | Include more sociological vocabulary. | Elaborate your points. They are too brief. | Plan first, and put in a more logical order. |
| Work on your handwriting to make it easier to read. | Write more! This is too short for an A-Level essay. | Use the correct linking statements to show where you are evaluating. | Don’t shopping list your work. You are better off making fewer points and elaborating on them. | Stay focused on the question. There is too much irrelevant material. |
| Reduce the amount of detail. This essay is too long. | Reduce the detail of the research studies- focus on what they show in regards to the question. | Be careful with your spelling sociological terminology. | Include evaluation in your essay- try to select 3 good points and evaluate them. | Develop your evaluation and analysis by asking SO WHAT? This brings about more effective analysis. |

**General Comments:**

Mark: / Target Grade: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Actual Grade: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Signature\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_