Worksheet 9: Rearrange the conclusion answers

1 Evaluate the view that the family is the most effective agency of socialisation.

> In conclusion, the family is the most effective agency of socialisation. The family is where children first learn social norms and values. This is supported by the emotional bond parents have with children. While secondary agencies such as peers and the media are influential with young people, for example, through peer pressure and media stereotypes, this would not be possible without primary socialisation.

2 Evaluate the view that welfare states are ineffective in reducing inequalities.

> In summary, welfare state measures such as free schools and healthcare have improved people's life chances. However, other measures such as equal opportunity laws have helped to tackle discrimination against minorities. In addition, the welfare state can encourage a dependency culture. Therefore, the welfare state is only partially effective in reducing some inequalities in society.

3 Evaluate the view that official crime statistics are the most accurate measurement of crime.

> To conclude, official crime statistics are reliable and allow sociologists to see the volume and patterns of crime in society. However, they lack validity due to a hidden figure of unreported and unrecorded crime. Victim surveys help to uncover some of the hidden figure and therefore show a more accurate picture. So official crime statistics are not the most accurate measure of crime.