



Worksheet 5: How to explain 8-mark questions answers

Complete the missing sections for the following questions.

- 1 Explain two characteristics of the interpretivist approach to sociological research.

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| 1 Identify | Qualitative methods. | <i>Gaining verstehen.</i> |
| 2 Explain | <i>Qualitative methods allow researchers a better understanding of people.</i> | Seeing society through the eyes of the subjects. |
| 3 Sociological material (study/concept/theory/empirical evidence) | Unstructured interview. | <i>Participant observation.</i> |
| 4 How the material supports | <i>The in-depth data from an unstructured interview will be qualitative and allow the respondent to explain their view.</i> | This method would enable the researcher to experience a situation from the point of view of the group being studied. |

- 2 Explain two ways in which the family benefits society according to functionalists.

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| 1 Identify | Socialisation of children. | <i>Stabilisation of adult personalities.</i> |
| 2 Explain | <i>The family teaches children the norms and values of society.</i> | Adults need to feel a sense of security to cope with modern-day life. |
| 3 Sociological material (study/concept/theory/empirical evidence) | Parson's theory of primary socialisation. | <i>The warm bath theory.</i> |
| 4 How the material supports | <i>The family is the first source of socialisation and is vital in teaching conformity.</i> | The family relieves the pressures of work and society and relaxes the body. |