



Worksheet 6: Making a judgement answers

For each of the following questions, decide what your judgement will be.

- 1 Evaluate the view that education is an instrument of ideological control.

What are you making a judgement about?

What should the first sentence of your conclusion be?

Whether education is an instrument of ideological control. Whether the Marxist view of education or the functionalist view is more plausible. If education should be seen from a conflict perspective or from a consensus perspective.

- 2 Evaluate the view that gender identity is changing.

What are you making a judgement about?

What should the first sentence of your conclusion be?

Whether gender identity is changing. Is there evidence of new gender identities forming? Are there changes to socialisation or does traditional gender role socialisation remain? Evidence of gender fluidity or evidence of clear gender roles such as in employment.

- 3 Evaluate the view that cultural differences are the main reason for family diversity.

What are you making a judgement about?

What should the first sentence of your conclusion be?

Whether family diversity is due to cultural differences. Evidence showing cultural diversity such as statistical evidence and the work of the Rapoport's. Evidence of other types of diversity such as social class or life stage. How wider cultural changes have affected family diversity such as changes to divorce laws.

- 4 Evaluate the view that the education systems are a barrier to social mobility.

What are you making a judgement about?

What should the first sentence of your conclusion be?

Whether the education system prevents social mobility. Evidence of the limited inter-generational mobility in society. Marxist view that education remains unequal. Evidence that there may be mobility and the functionalist view of role allocation.



- 5 Evaluate the view that human behaviour is shaped entirely by the process of socialisation.

What are you making a judgement about?

What should the first sentence of your conclusion be?

Is socialisation the only cause of human behaviour? Evidence that supports this such as language. Use of studies on feral children to show the importance of socialisation. Other evidence that shows that there may be biological factors such as 'biogrammers' or twin studies.

- 6 Evaluate the use of qualitative interview methods in sociological research.

What are you making a judgement about?

What should the first sentence of your conclusion be?

Whether qualitative interviews are useful in sociological research. Strengths versus limitations of using these research methods.