6.2 Social Class and Life Chances: 10-minute Pack

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Total Marks

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Answer ALL questions. Show your understanding by using sociological vocabulary and, where asked, your own examples.

1 Which term describes the opportunities and chances a person has to obtain valued things in life, such as good health, education and a well-paid job?

- ☐ A) Social mobility
- ☐ B) Life chances
- ☐ C) Meritocracy
- ☐ D) Status

(Total for Question 1 is 1 mark)

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2 Explain the difference between income and wealth as measures of economic inequality.

(Total for Question 2 is 2 marks)

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3 Explain why sociologists say social class in the UK is not only about how much money a person has.

(Total for Question 3 is 2 marks)

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4 For each definition below, state the correct term.

(a) The idea that reward should be based on ability and effort. **(1)**

(b) The opportunities a person has to access valued outcomes such as health, education and employment. **(1)**

(c) The total value of a person's assets, minus debts. **(1)**

(Total for Question 4 is 3 marks)

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Question 1

B (life chances) **B1**

Answer: B

Question 2

identifies income as money received regularly, e.g. from wages, benefits or investments **B1**

identifies wealth as the total value of assets someone owns, e.g. property, savings and possessions, minus debts **B1**

Answer: Income is money received regularly, such as from wages or benefits; wealth is the total value of assets someone owns, such as property and savings, minus debts.

Question 3

identifies, e.g. sociologists such as Weber argued that status (social prestige) is a separate dimension from economic class, so a person's class position also involves how they are perceived and treated by others **B1**

development, e.g. two people with similar incomes could still be treated differently, for example based on the type of job or their background **B1**

Answer: Weber argued status is a separate dimension from economic class, so class position also involves how a person is perceived and treated by others, meaning similar incomes do not guarantee similar status.

Question 4

(a) meritocracy **B1**

(a) Answer: Meritocracy

(b) life chances **B1**

(b) Answer: Life chances

(c) wealth **B1**

(c) Answer: Wealth

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