**Open Book Assessment: Education**

You should spend one hour answering these questions. 15 minutes on the short answer questions and 45 minutes on the 30 mark question.

1. Which sociologist described education as a bridge? 1 mark
2. Describe the Marxist opinion about the Education system. 4 marks
3. Outline two processes within schools that may lead to working class pupils’ underachieving. 2 marks
4. Outline three examples of the ethnocentric curriculum. 6 marks
5. Give two problems of using participant observation for studying schools. 2 marks

**Item B: The role of the education system is central to most sociological theories of education. For example, for conflict theorists such as Marxists, education is a vital institution that both reproduces and legitimates social class inequality for capitalism. Not only is the education of working- class pupils structured so as to produce their underachievement, but the system justifies their failure by claiming to give everyone an equal opportunity to achieve.**

Applying material from item B and your own knowledge, evaluate sociological explanations of the role of the education system. 30 marks