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Sociology

Question and Answer Book

VCE Examination – Thursday 13 November 2025

- Reading time is **15 minutes**: 3.00 pm to 3.15 pm
- Writing time is **2 hours**: 3.15 pm to 5.15 pm

Materials supplied

- Question and Answer Book of 32 pages

Instructions

- Answer **all** questions in the spaces provided.
- Write your responses in English.
- Use the additional space at the end of this book if you need extra space to complete an answer.

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Question 2 (6 marks)

Representation 1a

There is one thing today we cannot imagine.
We cannot imagine that the descendants of people whose genius and resilience maintained a culture here through fifty thousand years or more, through cataclysmic¹ changes to the climate and environment, and who then survived two centuries of dispossession and abuse, will be denied their place in the modern Australian nation.
We cannot imagine that.
We cannot imagine that we will fail.

Source: Former Prime Minister Paul Keating, excerpt from a speech delivered at the Australian launch of the International Year for the World's Indigenous People, PM Transcripts, 10 December 1992, <www.pmtranscripts.pmc.gov.au/release/transcript-8765> Licensed [CC-BY 4.0](https://creativecommons.org/licenses/by/4.0/)

¹cataclysmic – large scale

Representation 1b

We acknowledge the Wurundjeri Woi-Wurrung
People as the Traditional Owners of the land
on which the NGV is built.

Source: Acknowledgment of Country, National Gallery of Victoria, <www.ngv.vic.gov.au>

Apply Charles Wright Mills’s concept of the sociological imagination to material in Representations 1a and 1b to show awareness of the experiences of Australian Indigenous people.

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Ethnicity

Use the following information to answer Questions 4 and 5.

Representation 2

Now open: The couple behind the Pierogi Pierogi Food Truck open a Polish diner in Brunswick East [Melbourne]

Polish food is hot at Eat Pierogi¹ Make Love. Expect brightly garnished² dishes [...] and, of course, pierogi at the brutalist³-inspired shop.

Photograph: Jason South

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The plan was never pierogi. For Eat Pierogi Make Love founders Guy Daley and Dominka Sikorska, it was always fashion and music, respectively. But when the pair were expecting their first child, they wanted more stability. They came up with a business plan based on one of their first activities as a couple: hosting pierogi parties ...

Now, the duo have opened their first bricks-and-mortar joint: the memorably named Eat Pierogi Make Love. The restaurant's arresting name has also become their mantra. 'Making love is spreading love, spreading understanding and spreading joy – that's what we want to do with this business,' Daley tells *Broadsheet*.

They hope the restaurant inspires people to consider Poland – where Sikorska grew up – and Polish food beyond the stereotypes. '[Poland is] not grey, it's not bleak, it's not anything like that. It's beautiful,' says Daley. 'So making Polish food sexy is really what we're trying to do.'

Eat Pierogi Make Love adopts a Polish way of drinking and eating that Daley says is not unlike the experience you get at a Japanese izakaya⁴.

The menu puts a youthful twist on traditional flavours and ingredients. The pierogi options, naturally, are plentiful and varied – from traditional pierogi ruskie (potato and cheese) to a deep-fried vegan offering [jalapeño, potato and vegan cheese].

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Representation 2 – continued

The snacky [food] menu includes rainbow pickles, Polish mountain cheese with cranberry sauce, mixed pate on rye, and sauerkraut⁵-and-potato fritters served with sour cream ...

The fit-out plays with Polish aesthetics, nodding to brutalist design with its abundant concrete and beige grid tiling. Colourful Polish posters, retro-inspired light fixtures and scattered cobalt⁶ menus add colour.

Keep an eye peeled⁷ for the restaurant’s upcoming Eat Polska Sunday session: an invitation to partake in the Polish Sunday family meal tradition. You can try specialty dishes like kotlety mielone (turkey and pork meatballs with veg and mash) and kotlety schabowy (crumbed pork loin cutlets with young potatoes, salad and kefir⁸).

Source: Adapted from Alice Manderson, ‘Now open: The couple behind the Pierogi Pierogi Food Truck open a Polish diner in Brunswick East’, *Broadsheet*, 9 February 2024, <www.broadsheet.com.au/melbourne/food-and-drink/article/first-look-couple-behind-pierogi-pierogi-food-truck-park-it-new-polish-diner-brunswick-east> © Broadsheet Media Pty Ltd; reproduced with permission

¹**pierogi** – Polish dumpling

²**garnished** – decorated

³**brutalist** – an architectural style from the 1950s and 1960s that is very plain and typically uses a lot of exposed steel and concrete

⁴**izakaya** – a bar serving grilled food

⁵**sauerkraut** – sour (pickled) cabbage

⁶**cobalt** – blue

⁷**peeled** – open

⁸**kefir** – Turkish fermented yoghurt drink

Question 4 (6 marks)

a. Identify **one** example of material culture from Representation 2.

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Social movements and social change

Question 10 (10 marks)

Representation 4

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Source: Adapted from R Dexter, 'How people power saved Fitzroy pool from closure', *The Age*, 7 December 2024, <www.theage.com.au/national/victoria/how-people-power-john-clarke-and-julian-assange-saved-fitzroy-pool-20241203-p5kviq.html>
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¹**black ban** – refusal to do something, as a union tactic ²**rationalism** – efficiency and cost cutting

c. Examine how power was used by the social movement in Representation 4 to achieve its aims.

3 marks

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End of examination questions

Assessment criteria

The extended-answer questions worth 10 marks will be assessed against the following criteria, as appropriate:

- explanation and application of sociological concepts, theories and methods
 - knowledge and/or analysis and/or evaluation of sociological experience, perspectives and change
 - use and/or evaluation of a range of relevant evidence/sources
 - synthesis of evidence to draw conclusions
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