



## PAPER 2: SOCIAL STRATIFICATION – MARXIST PERSPECTIVE

### 5 FACTS ABOUT THE MARXIST PERSPECTIVE ON SOCIAL STRATIFICATION


### 4 TRUE OR FALSE STATEMENTS

According to Marxists, the bourgeoisie are the ruling class who own the means of production.	
The proletariat refers to people who own businesses and land.	
False class consciousness prevents workers from uniting to change their situation.	
Marx believed capitalism would create harmony between owners and workers.	

### 3 MULTIPLE CHOICE QUESTIONS

What term describes workers not realising they are being exploited?	Which two groups did Marx argue society is divided into?	What did Marx believe would eventually happen to the capitalist system?
a) Value consensus	a) Bourgeoisie and proletariat	a) It would continue forever
b) False class consciousness	b) Upper class and middle class	b) It would create a fair meritocracy
c) Role allocation	c) Men and women	c) It would lead to communism after workers overthrew the ruling class
d) Meritocracy	d) Rich and poor	d) It would reduce inequality

## 2 SHORT ANSWER QUESTIONS

Explain the difference between the bourgeoisie and the proletariat.

What does Marx mean by 'conflict theory' in relation to social stratification?

## 1 CRITICISM OF THE MARXIST PERSPECTIVE ON SOCIAL STRATIFICATION