

Exercise walk-through

1.1

The Making of Identity

GAC Social Science

You must be able to

- distinguish personal from social identity
- define socialisation
- compare primary and secondary socialisation

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The method

Method — Identity changes with the setting

Personal identity 个人身份 describes what makes one person distinct. **Social identity** 社会身份 describes groups they belong to. A student may foreground family identity at home and team identity during a match.

Socialisation 社会化 is learning group norms. Primary socialisation begins mainly in family life; secondary socialisation occurs through school, peers, and media.

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Practice

Practice 2.1 ■ 1 mark

Define social identity.

Solution 2.1

Method: Identity changes with the setting — p.4

Worked steps

- The identity from groups a person belongs to. **B1**

Practice 2.2 ■ 1 mark

State one agent of secondary socialisation.

Solution 2.2

Method: Identity changes with the setting — p.4

Worked steps

- School, peers, or media. **B1**

Practice 2.3 ■ 2 marks

Explain why an identity may be more important in one situation than another.

Solution 2.3

Worked steps

- Situations make different group memberships or personal roles relevant. **B1**
- The person may foreground the identity connected to that setting. **A1**

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Exam-style

Exam-style 3.1 ■ 4 marks

Compare primary and secondary socialisation.

Solution 3.1

Method: Identity changes with the setting — p.4

Worked steps

- Both teach norms and ways of behaving. **B1**
- Primary socialisation happens mainly in family life. **A1**
- Secondary socialisation happens through school, peers, and media. **A1**
- Secondary messages can differ from early family learning. **B1**

Exam-style 3.2 ■ 4 marks

Explain how a school can influence a student's social identity.

Solution 3.2

Method: Identity changes with the setting — p.4

Worked steps

- School places students in groups and roles. **B1**
- Peers and teachers communicate norms and expectations. **A1**
- Shared activities can strengthen a group membership. **A1**
- The student may see themselves through that school-related group. **B1**