*Item B: According to some sociologists, children in today’s supposedly child-centred society lead lives that are segregated and controlled, but childhood was not always like this. Aries describes a medieval world where there was little distinction between children and adults in either work or leisure. According to this view, industrial society brought major changes. Children’s lives became increasingly confined and regulated by adults. Not all sociologists share this view. Some argue that the distinction between childhood and adulthood is again becoming blurred.*

Applying material from Item B and your knowledge, evaluate sociological explanations of changes in the status of childhood [20]

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|  | **Introduction (outline the argument you will include in the essay)** |
|  | **Points FOR the view** | **Points AGAINST the view** |
| **1** | **Society is now more child centred**  | **Society is not child-centred**  |
| **2** | **Childhood has a big distinction to adulthood** | **The line between adulthood and childhood is blurred** |
| **3** | **Childhood is still a protected time** | **Childhood no longer exists** |