**EXAM QUESTIONS IN STRATIFICATION**

In addition to questions being linked to specific theoretical views of an area of stratification or a specific issue involved with the topics in stratification (see the end of each of your booklets) you could also get a more general question that seeks you to pull on knowledge from across the topics, such as:

**Item B: A truly open labour market is one where from an equal base everyone has the same chances of recruitment and advancement. It assumes that workers are employed and progressed on the basis of merit rather than privilege, favour or background.**

Applying material from item B and your knowledge, evaluate the view that an open and non-discriminatory labour market exists in the UK [20]

This question requires you to consider whether our society is truly meritocratic.

**Intro:** define what is meant by an open society and what the labour market would look like if it was non-discriminatory.

**Main body:** Needs to look at evidence related to workforces.

There are a number of ways to approach this, two are detailed below:

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| **Theoretically:** | **Addressing different forms of identity:** |
| Do a paragraph on three theoretical views, which explain whether the labour system is open or not. Consider how the theories view meritocracy:  Functionalism – Durkheim, Davis and Moore etc – try to link to different forms of identity e.g. class.  Marxism – Bowles and Gintis, Braverman etc.  Feminism – consider barriers to employment for women. Look at a range of different theoretical views. | Do a paragraph on different forms of identity and how they would link to the labour market. Use theories and evidence on life chances for each.  Gender  Class  Ethnicity |
| Weigh up the evidence in a short paragraph | Weigh up the evidence in a short paragraph |
| Come to a conclusion | Come to a conclusion |