HSC Style Questions: Social Conformity and Nonconformity

Outline the factors that influence conformity and nonconformity in individuals. (5 mks)
To what extent do group values and norms and peer pressure influence ONE group’s members in order to achieve group cohesion? (15 mks)

Recount the principal features of the historical and social development of ONE group. (5 mks)
Analyse the ways the ideologies, values and behaviours of ONE subcultural group currently perceived as not conforming to the wider society may influence others and lead to social change. (15 mks)

How can nonconformity determine the boundaries between ‘appropriate’ and ‘inappropriate’ behaviours and attitudes? (5 mks)
Analyse the role of status, authority, power, privilege and responsibility within ONE group. (15 mks)

Outline the impact of deindividuation in groups.
Assess the positive and negative interactions of ONE group with the wider society. (15 mks)

How can individuals respond to social influence? (5 mks)
Analyse the attitudes of ONE group to nonconformity and the role of sanctions within that group. (15 mks)

How can agenda setting impact attitude formation in individuals and groups?
Evaluate how ONE group is perceived by the wider society. (15 mks)

Outline the social costs and benefits of nonconformity for individuals. (5 mks)
Analyse how the concepts of cohesion and community operate to define group identity. (15 mks)