

## SOCIOL 103 FEEDBACK ON IN-CLASS TEST 2008

### Short-answer questions:

The best answers in this section were from people who:

- Had attended lectures and received all the information necessary to answer the questions;
- Had clearly studied the main definitions provided in class and were able to concisely explain them;
- Answered all questions – remember to put something down even if you do not know the answer and to pace yourself so you can complete the whole test on time;
- Were strategic with their time - write enough to get full marks but don't waste time providing too much detail.



### Data-analysis question:

The best answers in this section were given by people who:

- Had prepared a well-structured, well-researched essay that covered all the main points named in the question and rote-learned it BEFORE entering the room;
- Had attended tutorials where extensive assistance was given as to how to answer the data-analysis question;
- Answered all three parts of the question:
  - EXPLAINED what trend the graph showed – not only describing what the graph said but actually recognising that it showed increasing levels income inequality;
  - Provided REASONS as to why this trend had occurred, with reference to the broader local and global policy/social/economic/political context;
  - Indicate how different THEORETICAL PERSPECTIVES might explain these trends or offer different solutions.
- Used evidence (from the graph, lecture notes) to back up their claims;
- Thought laterally, often using material from other sources or readings to supplement lecture notes;
- Wrote in complete sentences so that their answer was easy to read.



**If you did not do well in the test, don't despair. There are several things you can do to ensure you still pass this course:**

- Get your test script back so you can see where you did well/not so well. *These will be handed back in tutorials this week and then available from the SOCIOL office from late afternoon Friday 2 May;*
- *Check the model answers to the short-answer questions and examples of good data-analysis questions that will be available on Cecil from next week;*
- Regularly attend lectures so you really understand what information is provided on Cecil;
- Regularly attend tutorials where essay and exam preparation will be covered;
- See your tutor before the essay is due and before the final exam to ensure you are on the right track;
- See the Student Learning Centre or attend Tuakana tutorials for general help with assessment.