

SOCIOLOGICAL THEORY

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Revision session

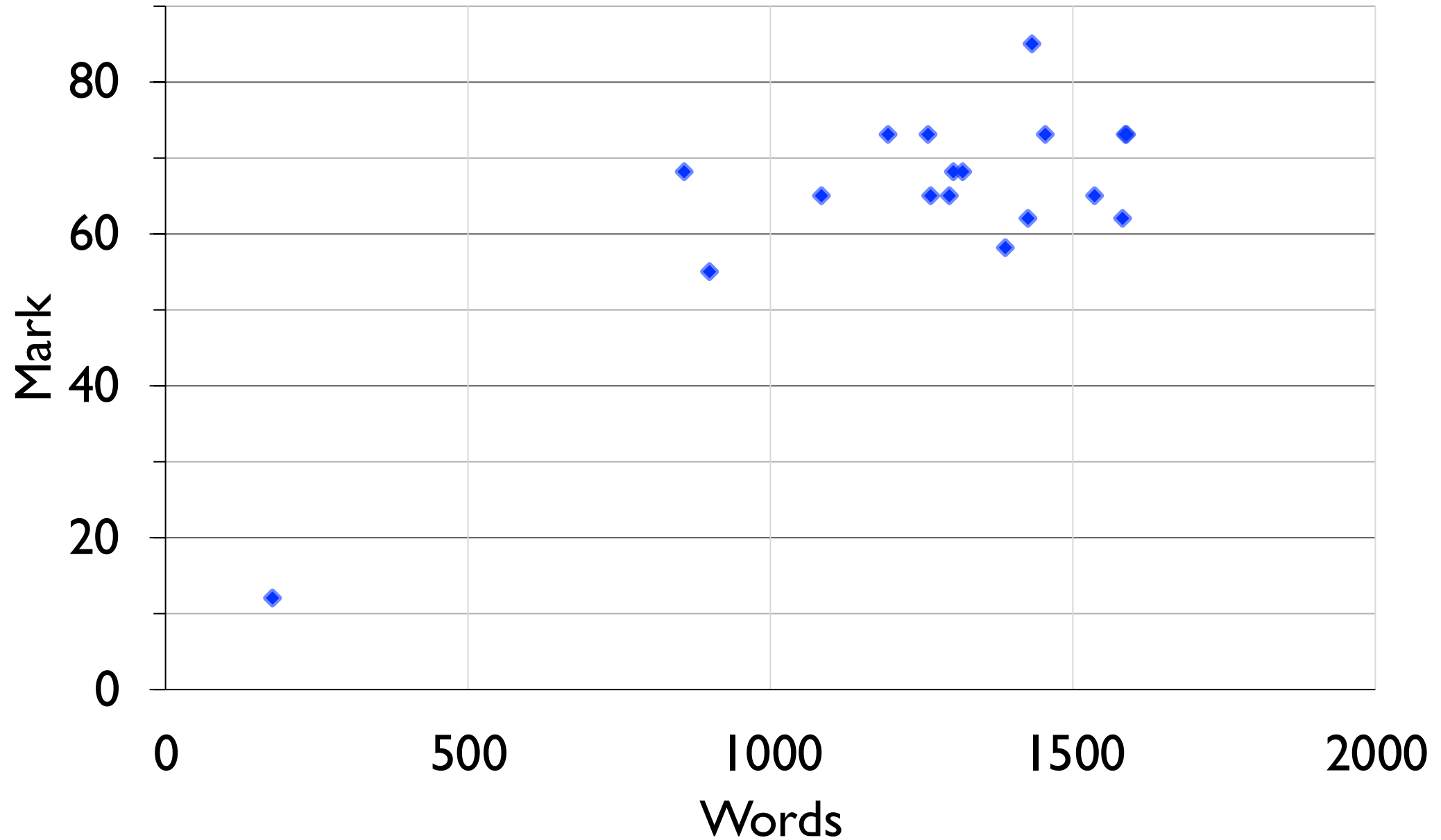
Revision

- think synthetically
 - what are the strengths/weaknesses of each perspective?
 - how would they define/explain various problems (e.g. stratification, gender, norms, religion ...)?
 - think of empirical examples
- read something new!
- practice writing timed essays
- you must have read everything you cite in the exam
- citation: author's surname; chronological order can be useful, but year is unnecessary
- bring in ideas from other papers (anthropology, economics) as long as they are relevant

Exam (i)

- questions vary in difficulty; I'm more generous in marking a challenging question
- write out the question
- brainstorm/outline for at least 10 minutes (each question) *before* writing!
 - 45 minutes for writing, 5 for checking / reserve
- length ...

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Exam (ii)

- keep introduction short; get to the answer
- the hardest question: think about it first, leave it till last
- there's no intention to trick you with tough questions—an opportunity to demonstrate what you know