

A Level Sociology



Summer Transition Pack

This pack contains a programme of activities and resources to prepare you to start studying Sociology in September. The activities introduce a range of key ideas and Sociological theories.

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A Level Sociology Course Introduction

Sociology is the study of the society that we all live in. Sociology looks at how our social characteristics affect our chances and experiences in life. We study gender, ethnicity and social class and ask why different kinds of people are less likely to have good health, achieve good qualifications, have social status and be more likely to commit a crime, be poor and die at an early age.

Assessments

Paper 1: Education with Theory and Methods	+	Paper 2: Topics in Sociology	+	Paper 3: Crime and Deviance with Theory and Methods
<p>What's assessed</p> <p>Compulsory content 4.1.1, 4.1.2, 4.1.3</p>		<p>What's assessed</p> <p>Section A: one from option 1: 4.2.1, 4.2.2, 4.2.3 or 4.2.4</p> <p>Section B: one from option 2: 4.2.5, 4.2.6, 4.2.7 or 4.2.8</p>		<p>What's assessed</p> <p>Compulsory content 4.3.1, 4.3.2</p>
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<p>Questions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Education: short answer and extended writing, 50 marks • Methods in Context: extended writing, 20 marks • Theory and Methods: extended writing, 10 marks 		<p>Questions</p> <p>Section A: extended writing, 40 marks</p> <p>Section B: extended writing, 40 marks</p>		<p>Questions</p> <p>Crime and Deviance: short answer and extended writing, 50 marks</p> <p>Theory and Methods: extended writing, 30 marks</p>

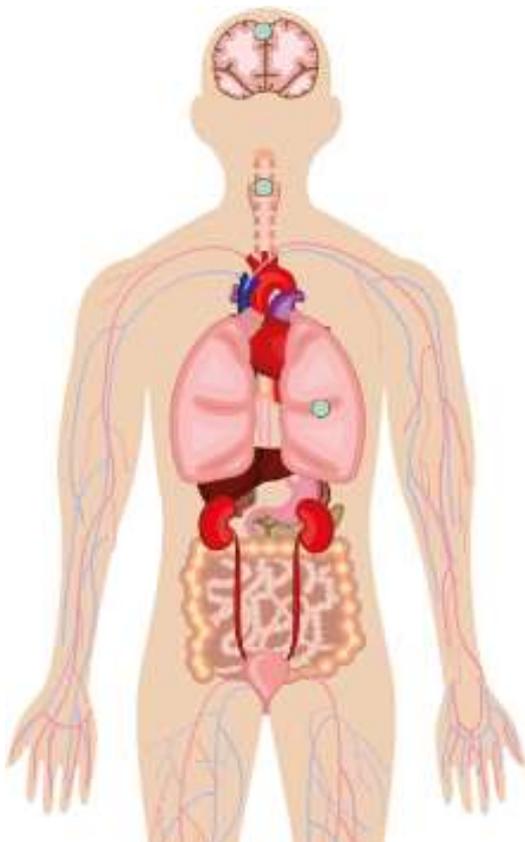
At Queensmead School, the topics selected for paper two are Families and Households and The Media.

Use the link below to gain a better understanding of the spec.

<https://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/sociology/as-and-a-level/sociology-7191-7192>

Tasks to be completed

Task 1: Functional Functionalists



1. Using your own knowledge, and research, define the terms

- Free Will
- Determinism

2. Research

Functionalism and produce a fact sheet outlining the 'Organic Analogy'

Use this link to help you!

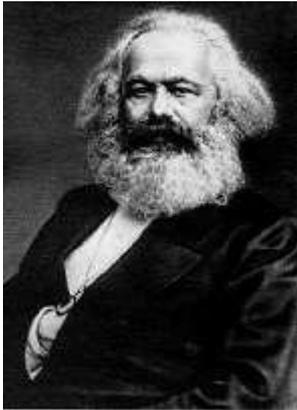
<https://www.tutor2u.net/sociology/reference/what-is-functionalism>

3. Watch The Hunger Games movies. Write a short (500 word) essay on how this movie relates to the ideas of Functionalists.



https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FovFG3N_RSU (trailer)

Task 2: Magnificent Marxists



1. Watch the following YouTube clip

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=W0GFSUu5UzA#>

2. Research Marxism and produce a fact sheet outlining the differences between the bourgeoisie and the proletariat

3. Using contemporary examples of social class inequality, discuss the following statement: 'Marxism is no longer relevant in 21st century Britain'. (250-300 word)



Task 3: Feisty Feminism



1. Watch the following YouTube clip and define the term feminism

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nlwU-9ZTTJc>

2. Using contemporary examples to support your argument, discuss the following statement: 'Feminism is no longer needed in Britain today'.

(250-300 words)



Recommended reading list

It is expected that you can demonstrate to the examiners that you have been partaking in wider reading. Below is a list of books/journals and websites you could use over the next two years and beyond at university.

Title	Author
Social class in the 21st Century	Mike Savage
This is London	Ben Judah
Gang leader for a day	Sudhir Venkatesh
Respectable	Lynsey Hanley
McMafia	Misha Glenny
Homo Deus: A brief history of tomorrow	Yuval Noah Harari
Goth: Identity, style and subculture	Paul Hodkinson
Black like me	John Howard Griffin
No Logo	Naomi Klein
Subculture: The meaning of style	Dick Hebdige
The Establishment	Owen Jones
Chavs: The Demonization of the Working Class	Owen Jones