



Subject	Sociology	
Title/Topic	Format	Length
Paper 1: Understanding social processes	Written	1hr 45 mins
Paper 2: Understanding social structures	Written	1 hr 15 mins

In this mock exam I will be asked to show I can...

Paper 1

Social Processes

Students should understand:

- The process of primary and secondary socialisation.
- Key concepts such as norm, value, status, role, identity, sanction, culture, cultural diversity.
- The role of families, media and schools in shaping an individual's gender, class, ethnic and national identity.
- The debate around nature and nurture

Family

Students should understand:

- The way sociologists define the family, households, cohabitation, nuclear family, extended family, reconstituted family, lone parent family, single-sex family, beanpole family, conjugal roles and symmetrical family.
- The different theoretical approaches to the family including Marxist, Functionalist and Feminist.
- The different types of conjugal roles, including joint, segregated and symmetrical family types. Understand the evidence for the different types of roles.
- The changing role of men and women within the family and factors which influence this.
- Factors such as divorce, cohabitation, marriage, same-sex couples, family size. Understand the patterns and trends for these factors and the reasons for these trends.

Education

Students should understand:

- Different factors which impact on achievement based on social class, gender and ethnicity. Both home and school factors are required.



- Understand the different sociological perspectives on the role and function of education.

Research Methods

Students should understand:

- the key concepts related to research methods; practical, ethical, representative, reliable, valid, objective.
- ideas such as qualitative data, quantitative data, sampling methods and pilot study.
- The strengths of weaknesses of a range of methods including structured and unstructured interviews, observations and questionnaires.

Paper 2

Stratification

Students should understand:

- The impact that social class and gender have on life chances.
- The different sociological explanations for differing life chances.

Crime and Deviance

Students should understand:

- The different terms linked to crime such as; crime, deviance, formal social control, informal social control, sanctions, social construction of crime.
- The theoretical approaches to crime and deviance including Functionalist, Subcultural, Marxist and labelling theories.
- The impact of gender and ethnicity on criminality and sociological explanations for this.

Methods in Context

Students should understand:

- The strengths and weaknesses of a range of methods both primary and secondary.
- The key concepts related to research methods; practical, ethical, representative, reliable, valid, objective.
- The ability to apply these methods to a topic related to crime or poverty.



What should I do to revise and prepare for this assessment?

- 1) Use your class notes and knowledge organisers to create flash cards/ mind maps.
- 2) Look, cover, check these notes.
- 3) Get someone to test you on the key ideas.
- 4) Attempt past paper question- the eduqas website below has past papers and mark schemes.
- 5) Attempt all sections of your prep/homework booklet. There are loads of tasks in those that we did not finish, including exam questions.

What useful websites/resources could I use to help me prepare?

This is the website for our course. The past papers and mark schemes can all be found here:

https://www.eduqas.co.uk/qualifications/sociology-gcse/#tab_pastpapers

This is a knowledge organiser from tutor 2u. You need to create an account to view them it is free to join:

[Knowledge Organisers for Eduqas GCSE Sociology | Reference Library | Sociology | tutor2u](#)

This is a sociology teacher who produces videos on a range of topics for our course, he even has a search function to select the videos you require:

[all sociology - YouTube](#)

This is a set of knowledge organisers produced by Eduqas:

[Resource](#)