

**A Sociology Content Overview and Top Tips**

**What will my child be expected to know for the A-level exam?**

The specification and paper overview at a glance is below\*, however more detailed subject specifications are available at: <https://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/sociology/as-and-a-level/sociology-7191-7192>

<b>Paper 1: Education with Theory and Methods</b>	<b>Paper 2: Topics in Sociology</b>	<b>Paper 3: Crime and Deviance with Theory and Methods</b>
<p><b>Content overview:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Perspectives views on the role of Education.</li> <li>• Internal and external views on Education</li> <li>• Social Policy and Education</li> <li>• How factors such as class and ethnicity impact educational experiences.</li> <li>• Applied research methods to Education</li> <li>• Theoretical perspectives and debates in Sociology.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Content overview:</b></p> <p><b>Topics studied are Families and Beliefs in Society</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sociological perspectives on the family and Beliefs</li> <li>• Application of how different demographics experience families and beliefs</li> <li>• Application of changes into society and how these impact families and beliefs.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Content overview:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sociological perspectives on Crime and Deviance.</li> <li>• Ways of dealing with deviance in society.</li> <li>• How different demographics experience crime and deviance</li> <li>• The dark figure of crime</li> <li>• Theoretical perspectives and debates in Sociology.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Assessment Guidance:</b></p> <p><b>2 Hour Written Examination</b></p> <p><b>80 marks</b></p> <p><b>Education:</b> short answers and extended writing: 50 marks.</p> <p><b>Methods in Context:</b> extended writing: 20 marks.</p> <p><b>Theory and Methods:</b> Extended writing: 10 marks.</p>	<p><b>Assessment Guidance:</b></p> <p><b>2 Hour Written Examination</b></p> <p><b>80 marks</b></p> <p><b>Families and Households:</b> Extended writing, 10 and 20 marks.</p> <p><b>Beliefs in Society:</b> Extended writing, 10 and 20 marks.</p>	<p><b>Assessment Guidance:</b></p> <p><b>2 Hour Written Examination</b></p> <p><b>80 marks</b></p> <p><b>Crime:</b> short answers and extended writing: 50 marks.</p> <p><b>Theory and Methods:</b> Extended writing: 10 and 20 marks.</p>



### Tips for revision and how you can support

1. **Ensure you use a variety of resources and engage in wider reading:** Don't just use the core course textbook but make use of Haralambos and other texts available from Sociology classrooms and contained on recommended reading lists. Use these resources to add extra examples, studies and evaluations to topics as part of your revision. Also available and great for contemporary examples are the Sociology review magazines in WG15 or students had the opportunity to subscribe.
2. **Practice deconstructing and answering exam questions.** All students have been given a wealth of potential exam questions for each paper. These are also available on showmyhomework and many examples are also contained in the core textbook. In particular focus on 10 mark questions as these often draw two topic areas together (synopticity). A good way of tackling 10 mark questions is to use the PERCL structure x 2. The key is to ensure the item is linked to, if there is one, and that at the end of each PERCL analysis of the validity of the reason is discussed, **e.g. How far is it true?**
3. **Write additional essays on topic areas you find more challenging-not those you already understand!** Self-assess these by annotating the PERCCL structure/PET (for Methods in context questions) and then hand in your final best draft for teacher feedback.
4. **Create glossaries of key sociologists and concepts for each topic.** Ask a parent/friend to test your recall of these little and often.
5. **Make use of the revision resources on showmyhomework** for topics to aid revision.
6. **Download the workbooks which accompany the compulsory course textbook:** From the **Napier Press website**. The compulsory textbooks have free downloadable workbooks for each topic which match the textbook order-useful for checking understanding/revision.

**Year 1:** <https://napierpress.com/book-one-workbooks>

**Year 2:** <https://napierpress.com/book-two-workbooks>

### Support from the department and further afield

- Students can access a wealth of revision resources via showmyhomework or alternatively ask for hard copies from the department
- There are additional textbooks and Sociology review articles in WG15 which students can use.
- Purchase books from the recommended reading list.
- Use exam bank booklets which students have in folders to practice application of knowledge and visit the AQA website (see below) for example exam papers.
- Revision masterclasses will start in spring. Study support sessions are also available on request.

### Useful Websites list:

- **General Sociology Websites:**  
*The Earlham Sociology site has an updated web links section with sites and overviews of the site all hyperlinked –it contains all of the below and many others/others are also often added*  
<https://www.earlham sociology pages.co.uk/websitelinks.htm>



- **1. The Sociology Guy**( <https://thesociologyguy.com/> ). Has revision resources for most topics and notes. He also has a YouTube channel with overviews of topics and examples of planned examination questions.
- **2. The Hectic Teacher Sociology** ( <https://hecticteachersalevelsociologysite.wordpress.com/> ). Miss Mortimer's favourite! This has notes for all topics, workbooks and revision summary sheets plus much more.
- **3. Revise Sociology** ( <https://revisesociology.com/> ). A superb site. It has all topics with notes and mind maps.
- **4. Tutor 2 U Sociology:** ( <https://www.tutor2u.net/sociology> ) .Has notes on most areas and a useful reference library. They also have a YouTube channel.
- **5. TheTEACHERSOCIOLOGY** ( <https://www.youtube.com/user/TheTEACHERSOCIOLOGY> ) Lots of clips on all topics and guided examination questions.
- **6. Twynham School** ( <https://sociologytwynham.com/> ) lots of information on most topics.
- **7. Esher Sociology** ( <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCxapZ6ctPqzWkF3r0nnbaOg/playlists> ) Playlists for Education, Family , theory and Crime)
- **8. Adam Walton** ( <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCGvbX-dksPCV-A3fiChQHZA?app=desktop> ) Playlists for all topics for **the Beliefs in Society A2 topic**
- **9. The Guardian Website** ( <https://www.theguardian.com/uk> ). Useful for finding contemporary examples. You can search by topic and relevant news articles will appear. **Students can also sign up for weekly e-mail newsletters on different areas** for example, Arwa Mahdawi's The Week in Patriarchy has a weekly overview of contemporary examples useful for any topic involving Feminism.
- **10. Follow the Tudor Grange Sociology Twitter** for posts on contemporary examples and people to follow: : **TCASSociology**

On twitter students can also follow topics using the following #:

**Education:** #SOCED

**Families:** #SOCFAM

**Theory and Methods:** #SOCTM

**Crime:** #SOCCD

**Beliefs in Society:** #SOCBiS

- **Stretch and Challenge:**

The Earlham Sociology site- Not the prettiest but it has in-depth notes on many topics to a higher level. <https://www.earlham sociology pages.co.uk/index.html>

