

# A Level Sociology

## Revision Booklet



### Specification

The topics you need to learn are as follows

- 1) Education
- 2) Methods in context
- 3) Theory and methods
- 4) Family and households
- 5) Beliefs in society
- 6) Crime and Deviance

For a complete list of the requirements for each topic click on the link below.

<http://www.aqa.org.uk/resources/sociology/as-and-a-level/sociology/teach/teachers-guide>

### Examinations

#### **Paper 1 – 2 hour examination – Education with Theory and Methods**

- Education – 4/6/10/30 mark questions.
- Methods in context – 20 mark question.
- Theory and Methods – 10 mark question.

#### **Paper 2 – 2 hour examination – Family and Beliefs**

- Family – 10/10/20 questions.
- Beliefs 10/10/20 mark questions.

\*\* There will always be a 10 mark questions which requires you to 'Analyse material from the item,'  
– THESE MUST LINK BACK TO THE ITEM.

#### **Paper 3 – 2 hour examination – Crime and Deviance and Theory and Methods**

- Crime – 4/6/10/30 mark questions.

- Theory and Methods – 10/20.

### Assessment Objectives and Weightings

FOR THE A LEVEL 44 OUT OF 100 IS FOR A01 MARKS. THIS SHOWS HOW IMPORTANT A02 AND a03 ARE FOR THE HIGHER MARK BANDS.

#### Paper 1 Education and Methods in Context and Theory and Methods

| Education               | A01 | A02 | A03 | Total |
|-------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-------|
| Q1                      | 4   |     |     | 4     |
| Q2                      | 3   | 3   |     | 6     |
| Q3                      | 3   | 4   | 3   | 10    |
| Q4                      | 12  | 9   | 9   | 30    |
| Q5 (Methods in Context) | 8   | 8   | 4   | 20    |
| Q6 (Theory and Methods) | 5   | 3   | 2   | 10    |

#### Paper 2 – Family and Beliefs

| Family and Beliefs | A01 | A02 | A03 | Total |
|--------------------|-----|-----|-----|-------|
| Q1                 | 5   | 3   | 2   | 10    |
| Q2                 | 3   | 4   | 3   | 10    |
| Q3                 | 8   | 6   | 6   | 20    |

#### Paper 3 – Crime and Deviance and Theory and Methods

|           | A01 | A02 | A03 | Total |
|-----------|-----|-----|-----|-------|
| Crime Q1  | 4   |     |     | 4     |
| Q2        | 6   |     |     | 6     |
| Q3        | 3   | 4   | 3   | 10    |
| Q4        | 12  | 9   | 9   | 30    |
| Theory Q5 | 5   | 3   | 2   | 10    |
| Q6        | 8   | 6   | 6   | 20    |
|           |     |     |     |       |

#### In Brief

A01 – Knowledge and Understanding – THEORIES, CONCEPTS, EVIDENCE AND METHODS.

A02 – Apply the A01 to a range of issues and items.

A03 – Analyse and evaluate. This involves making judgements, presenting arguments for and against.

| Developing A01                                 | Developing A02  | Developing A03   |
|--|---|--|
| Theories<br>Concepts<br>Links between theories | Linking ideas<br>Keep linking back to the question and the item.<br>Use PEEEL to help<br>POINT<br>EXAMPLE<br>EXPLANATION<br>EVALUATION<br>LINK<br><br>Use contemporary examples.<br>Make links with other topics. | Analysis<br>Make connections between ideas.<br>Draw out comparisons/differences.<br>Expand on information in the item.<br><br>Evaluation<br>Making balanced arguments.<br>Weighing things up.<br>Arguments for and against.<br>Criticise with an alternative theory.<br>Look at the research methods and evaluate.<br>Justify. |

## Revision Strategies

### Use these sentence starters in your revision to develop your marks for ANALYSIS

The relevance of this is...

This indicates...

This is similar/different from...

Therefore...

The implication...

### Use these sentence starters in your revision to develop your marks for EVALUATION

A strength/weakness/criticism...

An argument for/against...

Alternatively...

A different interpretation is provided by...

On the other hand...

## **Use these mnemonics to help you remember methods in context**

PET – Practical, ethical theoretical. (Factors).

TRAMP – time, research opportunity, access, money and personality of researcher. (Practical factors).

DRIP – Deception, Right to Withdraw, Informed Consent, Protraction. (Ethics).

PERVERT – Practical, Ethical, Reliable, Valid, Evidence, Representative, Theory. (Use this to structure your longer answers).

## **Useful links for revision resources**

- 1) Link for exam papers and mark schemes

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

- 2) Link for podcasts for A Level Sociology

<http://www.aqa.org.uk/resources/sociology/as-and-a-level/sociology/teach/podcasts-for-as-and-a-level-sociology>

- 3) Main website for AQA A level Sociology

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