

Sociology- Exam Board: AQA

Year 12:

Subject Overview (coursework/exam split, timings, weightings etc.):

100% exam

Each paper is 2 hours for A Level

For the purpose of this mock, the following times apply:

Families – 1 hour

Education (minus RM) 1 hour 15 minutes

Examination Y12 Summer 2021 Key Topics:

Families

- The relationship of the family to the social structure and social change, with particular reference to the economy and to state policies
- Changing patterns of marriage, cohabitation, separation, divorce, childbearing and the life course, including the sociology of personal life, and the diversity of contemporary family and household structures
- Gender roles, domestic labour and power relationships within the family in contemporary society
- The nature of childhood, and changes in the status of children in the family and society
- Demographic trends in the United Kingdom since 1900: birth rates, death rates, family size, life expectancy, ageing population, and migration and globalisation.

Education:

- The role and functions of the education system, including its relationship to the economy and to class structure
- Differential educational achievement of social groups by social class, gender and ethnicity in contemporary society
- Relationships and processes within schools, with particular reference to teacher/pupil relationships, pupil identities and subcultures, the hidden curriculum, and the organisation of teaching and learning
- The significance of educational policies, including policies of selection, marketisation and privatisation, and policies to achieve greater equality of opportunity or outcome, for an understanding of the structure, role, impact and experience of and access to education; the impact of globalisation on educational policy.

Useful websites:

[AQA | Sociology | Subject Content – AS | Education with Methods in Context](#)

[Getrevising.com](#)

[A-Level Sociology Revision - StudyWise](#)

[Sociology Central: links](#)

Useful resources:

[Pearson REVISE AQA A level Sociology Revision Guide and Workbook for home learning, 2021 assessments and 2022 exams: with FREE online edition REVISE AS/A level AQA Sociology: Amazon.co.uk: Chapman, Steve: Books](#)

[Revision Guides for AQA A-Level Sociology | Sociology | tutor2u](#)

Useful revision tips:

- Flash cards for AO1/3
- Names tables for theories and theorists
- 12 marker plans for essays
- Mind maps for topics
- Follow the 'tips for the paper' document
- Complete past papers and familiarise yourself with the mark schemes