

Revision and Resources – A-Level Sociology

Course Title	A-Level Sociology
Exam Board	AQA
Specification	AS and A-level Sociology Specifications for first teaching in 2015 (aqa.org.uk)
Assessment	<p><u>Paper one: Education with Theory and Methods: Written exam: 2 hours : 80 marks</u></p> <p>What's assessed</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Education• Methods in Context• Theory and Methods <p>Questions set up:</p> <p>Education</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 4 marks: “Outline two reasons...”• 6 marks “Outline three reasons...”• 10 marks “Applying material from Item A, analyse two ways...”• 30 marks “Applying material from Item B and your knowledge, evaluate...” <p>Methods in Context</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 20 marks “Applying material from Item C and your knowledge of research methods, evaluate the strengths and limitations of using... *a research method* to investigate *an area of education*” <p>Theory and Methods</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 10 marks “Outline and explain two *strengths or problems* with using *X theory or X method” <p><u>Paper two: Topics in Sociology: Written exam: 2 hours: 80 marks</u></p> <p>What's assessed</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Families and Households• Beliefs in Society <p>Questions set up:</p> <p>Families and Households:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 10 marks “Outline and explain two ways... in which <i>*something from family unit*</i> might affect <i>*something to do with family*</i>”

- 10 marks “Applying material from Item C, analyse two... *reasons why/ways in which *something from family unit* may have affected *something to do with family**”
- 20 marks “Applying material from Item D and your knowledge, evaluate the view that... **something, or some theory you have learnt about has done something to something you learnt about in the family unit**”

Beliefs in Society:

- 10 marks “Outline and explain two ways... **something from beliefs unit* might affect *something to do with beliefs**”
- 10 marks “Applying material from Item I, analyse two *reasons why/ways in which ... something from beliefs unit** may have affected **something to do with beliefs**”
- 20 marks “Applying material from Item J and your knowledge, evaluate the view that... *something, or some theory you have learnt about has done something to something you learnt about in the beliefs unit**”

Paper 3: Crime and Deviance with Theory and Methods: Written exam: 2 hours: 80 marks

What's assessed

- Crime and deviance
- Theory and Methods

Questions set up:

Crime and deviance

- 4 marks: “Outline two reasons...”
- 6 marks “Outline three reasons...”
- 10 marks “Applying material from Item A, analyse two ways...”
- 30 marks “Applying material from Item B and your knowledge, evaluate...”

Theory and Methods:

- 10 marks “Outline and explain two... **advantages or disadvantages of using a research method**”
- 20 marks “Applying material from Item C and your knowledge, evaluate the advantages of using... ** using a theory or research method**”

Key Dates	Written Mocks: Year 12 Summer Term 1/May/June, Year 13 Autumn Term 2/December, Year 13 Spring Term 1/February
Revision Checklist	Hyperlink to revision checklist
How do I revise effectively?	<p>Flash cards:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • On one side write the name of the theory or key word i.e. marketisation and on the other side explain what this key term/theory is.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Do this also for key theories i.e. Functionalist theory of family and on the other side bullet point Murdock’s four functions and Parson’s two functions. • Also you can put a type of research method on the front i.e. covert observations and on the other side define it. <p>Essay plans:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Create essays plans for each of the items on the checklist <p>Other ideas</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Complete exam question or past papers under timed exam conditions • highlight the revision guides • Attend Sociology intervention sessions • Use Seneca Learning.
Past Papers	AQA AS and A-level Sociology Assessment resources
Textbooks and Revision Guides Available	<p>For year 12 (family and households, education and research methods): Sociology for AQA Revision Guide 1: AS and 1st-Year A Level (Aqa Revision Guides): Amazon.co.uk: Browne, Ken: 9781509516216: Books</p> <p>For year 13 (beliefs in society, crime and deviance and theory): Sociology for AQA Revision Guide 2: 2nd-Year A Level (Aqa Revision Guides): Amazon.co.uk: Browne, Ken: 9781509516261: Books</p> <p>A workbook for both years: Revise AQA A level Sociology Revision Guide and Workbook: with FREE online edition REVISE AS/A level AQA Sociology: Amazon.co.uk: Chapman, Steve: Books</p> <p>A revision set of notes for both years: My Revision Notes: AQA A-level Sociology: Amazon.co.uk: Pountney, Laura: 9781471882654: Books</p>
Online Resources	https://app.senecalearning.com/courses?Price=Free&text=AQA+A+Level+Sociology+