



SOCIOLOGY

Entry Requirement: Grade 6 in GCSE English Language

Examination Board: AQA 7192

Course Content and Assessment

As we study at this level, Sociology is about the relationship between the individual and society and we study ideas like social class, gender, race and ethnicity, age, the family, crime and social inequality and difference. Students have probably already studied something that is sociological, but it was not called 'Sociology'. Understanding what underlies everyday life is one of the aims of Sociology.

The course at A Level is 100% examination assessed.

Paper 1: Education with Theory and Methods (33.3 % of A Level, 2 hour examination)

Paper 2: Topics in Sociology (33.3 % of A Level, 2 hour examination). The options studied are:

- Families and Households
- The Media

Paper 3: Crime and Deviance with Theory and Methods (33.3% of A Level, 2 hour examination)

Teaching and Learning Methods

Much emphasis is placed on what is happening in society today, so students will find they are given many newspaper articles and encouraged to listen to news and read selected newspapers for themselves.

Wherever possible, active learning methods are used and students are given an opportunity to undertake some small scale research for themselves.

As Sociology is an academic subject, students should not consider doing it unless they are prepared to do some reading and learn from academic texts which use some technical vocabulary.

Homework

Homework is a natural extension of what we do in class and it will often consist of review and consolidation of class work, reading or learning or going to find something out.

Extra Curricular

There may be external speaker visits, who will lecture on relevant topics at key points in the course.

Materials

Students buy one textbook and have access to an electronic range of texts through the LRC. A daily newspaper is also available and 'Sociology Review' is available electronically for all students.

Key Features of Sociology

- Academic, demanding
- Illuminates processes of everyday life
- Cross-curricular themes
- Exam assessment
- Opens a range of opportunities at university level and beyond
- Good for careers in media, health, police, education, business, marketing, politics, law, social work, the arts

Final comment: 'You learn a lot of things you wanted to know in Sociology, as well as some things you hoped never to know!'