



SOCIOLOGY

AWARDING BODY: AQA

QUALIFICATION: GCSE

AVAILABLE: ALL STUDENTS

COURSE OUTLINE

- To develop an understanding of the nature and significance of individual and social differences in our own and other societies.
- To acquire, select and handle information, to critically analyse its nature and source and to base judgements and arguments on evidence.
- To reflect on personal experience of the social world in which we live and acquire knowledge and develop skills which will enable students to play informed roles within the community.

Sociology is made up of two mandatory, externally-assessed units:

Unit 1: Sociology of Families and Education 50%

This unit is made up of two sections. Section A requires candidates to examine different forms of family in contemporary society. It investigates changing relationships in the family such as parenting, teenagers and adults, as well as opposing sociological views of the family. Section B encourages candidates to develop a critical understanding of the roles of education, as well as focus on the educational achievement of different social groups. In both sections students are expected to understand the main theories, methods and strategies of sociological research.

Unit 2: Sociology of Crime and Deviance + Social Stratification 50%

This unit is also made up of two sections. Section A considers how the definition of crime and deviance are strongly influenced by the societies in which they occur. It examines how Crime is controlled by various organizations in society and how it is explained and measured by sociologists. Section B explores how society is stratified into levels. How does this hierarchy affect the life chances and experiences of individuals and social groups living in Modern Britain? In both sections of Unit 2, students will be expected to draw on knowledge and understanding of the entire course of study and show a deeper understanding of these topics.

This subject is most suitable for students who:

- are able to organise and present information, ideas and arguments clearly and logically.
- can think independently.
- enjoy writing essays.
- have an interest in the news and current issues.
- enjoy debating and balancing opposing views.



ASSESSMENT METHOD

2 written examinations taken at the end of Yr11

Paper 1	1 hour 45 minutes	50%
Paper 2	1 hour 45 minutes	50%

SKILLS ACQUIRED

- To acquire knowledge and understanding of Spanish.
- To develop skills to learn languages.
- To develop awareness of Spanish speaking countries.
- To develop all four language skills: listening, speaking, reading and writing.
To build communication skills.

Assessment: <http://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/sociology/gcse/sociology-8192/assessment-resources>

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