

A Level Sociology Introduction Summer Project 2015



This research based project is designed to give you an ideal grounding for your A Level Sociology course.

Research and complete the tasks independently over the summer to get a head start and prepare for the key topics within AS (Year one A Level) Sociology.

Present the tasks in any format you like and bring it with you to your first lesson after the summer.

Good luck and Enjoy ☺



The AQA Course

AS or A Level Year 1

Paper 1: Education with Methods in Context

What's assessed

Compulsory content 3.1.1, 3.1.2

Assessed

- 1 hour 30 minutes written exam
- 60 marks
- 50% of AS level

Questions

Education: short answer and extended writing, 40 marks

Methods in Context: extended writing, 20 marks

Paper 2: Research Methods and Topics in Sociology

What's assessed

Section A: compulsory content 3.2.1

Section B: one from 3.2.2 Topics in Sociology

Assessed

- 1 hour 30 minutes written exam
- 60 marks
- 50% of AS level

Questions

Section A: short answer and extended writing, 20 marks

Section B: short answer and extended writing, 40 marks

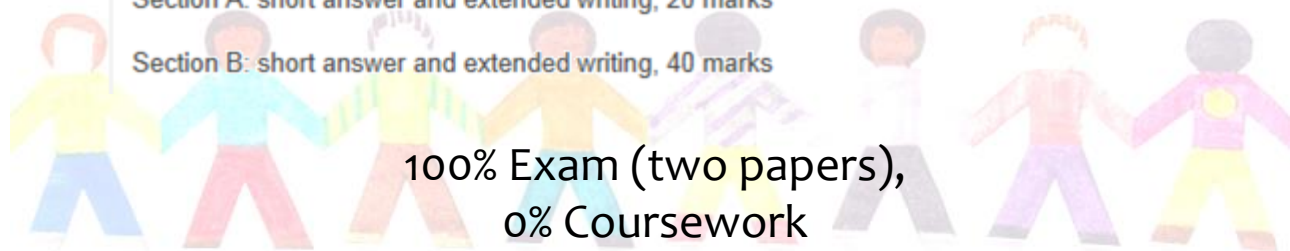
Topics:

- Education
- Methods in Context

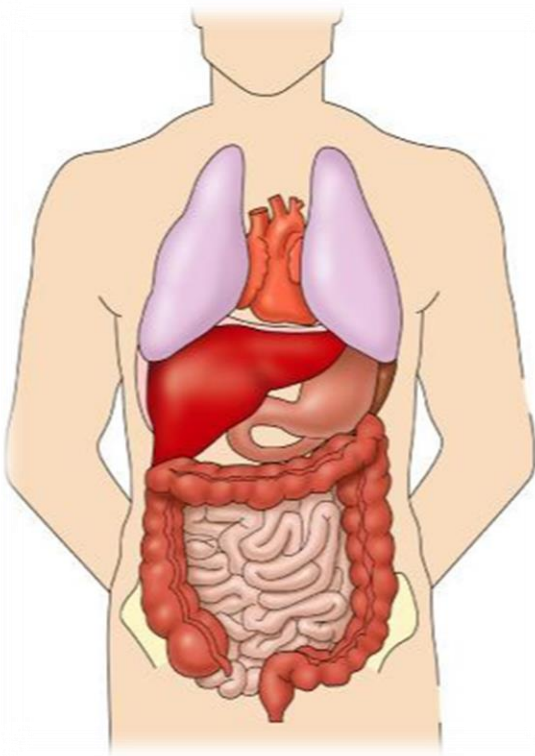
Topics:

- Families and Household
- Research Methods

100% Exam (two papers),
0% Coursework



Task 1: Functional Functionalists...



1. Write definitions for Free Will and Determinism.
2. Research Functionalism and produce a fact sheet outlining the “Organic Analogy”.

3. Watch this YouTube clip of The Adjustment Bureau Trailer:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wZJOTP4nTaE>

Link this to Functionalism.



4. Summing up...

Tweet using the **#TeamSS_SA** summarising everything that you have discovered about Functionalism



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Task 2: Fiery Feminists...



everyday
sexism
project

1. Watch the youtube clip:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LHPOLSywdi0>

Define all key words from the video clip.

2. Research Feminism and produce a fact sheet outlining definitions and provide examples.

3. Research

@/#EverydaySexism

(remember this is a public forum and some content may not be appropriate and the school can take no responsibility over the content)

4. Research examples of gender inequality within the UK in contemporary society.

5. Summing up...

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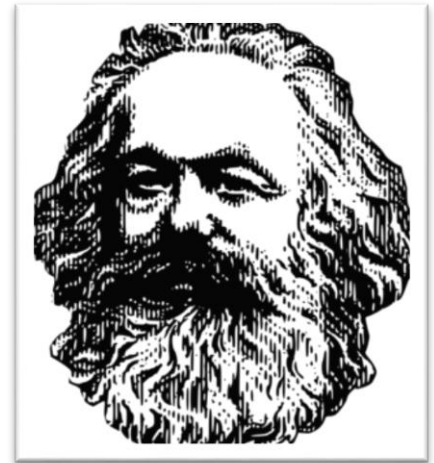
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Task 3: Magnificent Marxists...

1. Watch the youtube clip:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Vz3eOb6YI1s>



2. Define all key words on the video clip.
3. Research Marxism and produce a fact sheet outlining the difference between the bourgeoisie and the proletariat.



4. Research examples of class inequality within the UK in contemporary Society.



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5. Summing up...

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Task 4: Autonomous Social Action Theorist...

Functionalism	Feminism	Marxism

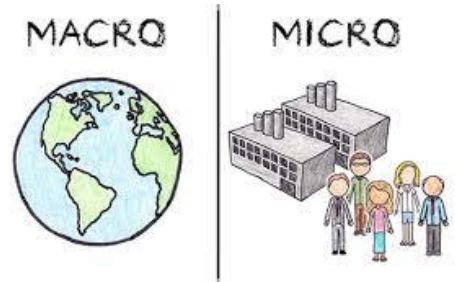
1. Complete a summary table for your notes outlining each approach and stating whether they are:

- **Consensus** or **Conflict Theories**
- **Macro** or **Micro Approaches**
- **Structural** or **Social Action**

Ensure that you define each of these key words.



2. From the Functionalist task you would have discussed free will vs. determinism. Do we have free will within society? What perspective would Social Action Theorist take on this question?



3. Define the Social Action Theorist approach to society.

4. Research Jane Elliot's "Brown Eyes, Blue Eyes" experiments along with her "Angry Eye" experiment. What would Social Action Theorists say about these experiment and participants?



5. Summing up...

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Task 5: Passionate Post-modernists...

1. Produce a factsheet outlining what post-modernism is and what it says about society?



2. Produce a table outlining the differences between a modern and post-modern society.

Modern	Post-Modern

3. Find examples of post-modern changes in society within the Media. For example Same Sex Marriages in the USA.



4. Summing up...

Tweet using the **#TeamSS_SA** summarising everything that you have discovered about Post-modernism.



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Task 6: The Family and Education...

The Family and Education Five

There are five main sociological approaches or perspectives. You have already researched them and explained the key terms.

Now you must outline their assumptions regarding the Family and Education as sociological institutions and include Sociologists which put forward these ideas.



Useful Resources & Further Reading

To help you on your way...

Websites:

- AQA New Specification – <http://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/sociology/as-and-a-level/sociology-7191-7192/introduction>
- AQA - Example Assessment Material - <http://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/sociology/as-and-a-level/sociology-7191-7192/assessment-resources>
- S-Cool Revision Materials - <http://www.s-cool.co.uk/a-level/sociology>
- Every Day Sexism Project - <http://everydaysexism.com/index.php/about>
- Who Needs Feminism - <http://whoneedsfeminism.com/about.html>
- He for She Campaign - <http://www.heforshe.org/>

Youtube Videos:

- Emma Watson Addresses the UN
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=v6XTx2Rg04g>

Books:

AQA A Level Sociology Book One Including AS Level Paperback by [Rob Webb](#) (Author), [Hal Westergaard](#) (Author), [Keith Trobe](#) (Author), [Annie Townend](#) (Author)

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