



Exam Board: <b>WJEC</b>	<b>2 Papers (50% each)</b> 1 hour 30 mins each; 200 Marks (100 Unit 1/100 Unit 2)	<a href="https://www.wjec.co.uk/qualifications/sociology/r-sociology-gcse-from-2017/">https://www.wjec.co.uk/qualifications/sociology/r-sociology-gcse-from-2017/</a> Specimen paper and mark scheme
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**Skills students are examined on:**

Knowledge and theory (AO1)	Comparison and evaluation (AO3)
Demonstrate knowledge and understanding of sociological concepts, theories, evidence and methods.	Analyse and evaluate sociological theories, concepts, evidence and research methods.
Example (AO2)	Comparison - Construct an argument and consider alternative views and their strengths and weaknesses.
Apply knowledge to particular questions or issues and explain them in the context of the question. Supporting examples can also be used and related to the question.	
<b>Useful websites:</b> <a href="https://resources.wjec.co.uk/Pages/ResourceByArgs?subId=28">resources.wjec.co.uk/Pages/ResourceByArgs?subId=28</a> <a href="https://wjec.co.uk/students/exam-preparation-and-revision">https://wjec.co.uk/students/exam-preparation-and-revision</a> <a href="https://www.bbc.com/bitesize/subjects/zbbw2hv">https://www.bbc.com/bitesize/subjects/zbbw2hv</a>	Evaluate – Be aware and critical of the strengths and weaknesses of concepts. Theories, evidence and research methods in order to discuss them, make judgements and come to conclusions.

**Suggested revision activities to help your child prepare for the Sociology exam:**

**Create a set of revision cards with key terms on one side and the definitions on the back.**  
You can also make a set of topic cards (colour-coded)  
Collect newspapers to discuss issues.

Test your child by reading out key terms and ask them to give you the definitions. Or, read out definitions and ask them to give you the key term you are describing.

Deal out the key term cards and place them on different topic cards. Your child can explain how each key term might fit within that particular topic. They can give relevant examples to back up their answers.

Sort out the key term cards into relevant piles and put the most appropriate topic card on the top of each pile. Make a separate pile of key terms which are commonly used across all topics.

Choose a topic and select a series of key terms appropriate for that topic. Get your child to write sentences or paragraphs which explain how that particular key term fits within the topic. They can use relevant examples to support their responses.

Read the paper together and get your child to explain how different sociologists might view the causes of issues raised.

Choose an extended exam question and try to answer using as many key term cards as you can (appropriately).

**Create a glossary of terms**

Encourage your child to go back through their exercise book and create a glossary of all of the key terms they have used in Sociology.

Term	Definition	Look/ cover/ write/ check practise	Use it in a sentence

**Timed Writing**

There are 3 extended writing questions in both exams. Two are worth 10 marks and should take 10 minutes each and one is worth 20 marks and should take 20 minutes. Help your child by timing them responding to practice questions. They can use the planning guide below to help with this.

**Planning guide for answering extended writing questions**

Help them to organise their ideas and plan a response. Encourage them to do the following:

1. Read the question and highlight the key words.
2. What is the BIG PICTURE? – What is the question asking you?
3. Which sociological terms will you use?
4. Use PEEL – Point, Examples (explained), Evaluate (however, on the other hand it could be argued...), Link (to theory).
5. Repeat, repeat and then repeat again!