

# SOCIOLOGY

Exam	Duration	Marks available	% of GCSE	Topics/ content

## Personal Learning Checklists

Paper 1 Topics (what I need to know)	R	A	G
1. What is Sociology (cf. psychology, biology and journalism)			
1. Theoretical Perspectives: Marxism, Functionalism, Feminism, The New Right			
1. Social structures, processes and issues			
1. Sampling; Primary and Secondary research methodology			
1. Quantitative & Qualitative research; strengths and weaknesses of all types of research			
2. Why we have schools: functionalist perspective			
2. Measuring educational success; types of schools			
2. The Hidden Curriculum			
2. Influences on educational success beyond school (labelling, subcultures, social class)			
2. Education as a political issue			
3. What is family; types of family			
3. Marriage and divorce: trends and effects			
3. Changes to roles and relationships (e.g. segregated and integrated conjugal roles)			
3. Alternatives to the family			

Paper 2 Topics (what I need to know)	R	A	G
4. What is crime and what is deviance?			
4. Measuring criminal and anti-social/deviant behaviour			
4. Explaining criminal and deviant behaviour			
4. Controlling criminal and anti-social behaviour (penalties, CCTV, ASBOs)			
4. Who commits crime: gender, location, age, ethnicity, social class			
5. How democratic is Britain's political system?			
5. How involved are individual citizens in the political process?			
5. Social Reform: the Welfare State, marketization and the role of voluntary organisations			
5. Who has the power: interest groups, pressure groups, insiders/outside			
5. Who has the power: direct action, social change, technology, globalisation			
5. Who is in control: elitism, police, power in the home, neighbourhood and workplace			
6. Social stratification (all forms)			
6. Life chances: roles of wealth and social class			
6. Barriers to achievement: patterns, effects and action			
6. Wealth distribution: inequality and changes to the social classes			
6. Types of poverty (including non-economic), cycle of deprivation, government action			

Skill	R	A	G