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# KS5 SOCIOLOGY

AQA

## PERSONAL LEARNING CHECKLISTS

2022

# Sociology

RAG Rate each section in the first column

Red = Not at all confident – needs major revision focus, Amber = requires more revision until confident. Green = Confident.

Use remaining columns to colour code when you have revised and tested your knowledge and understanding over several weeks.

Key Idea	Key Knowledge to understand	RAG					
<b>Paper 1: Education</b>							
Class differences in achievement – external factors	Explaining class differences						
	Cultura deprivation						
	Material deprivation						
	Cultural capital						
Class differences in achievement – internal factors	Labelling						
	Streaming						
	Pupils’ class identities						
Ethnic differences in achievement	Evidence of ethnic differences						
	External factors:						
	Cultural deprivation						
	Material deprivation						
	Racism in wider society						
	Internal factors:						
	Labelling						
	Pupil identities						
	Pupil responses and subcultures						

	Institutional racism						
Gender differences in achievement	The gender gap						
	External factors						
	The impact of feminism						
	Changes in the family						
	Changes in women's employment						
	Girls' changing ambitions						
	Internal factors						
	Equal opportunities policies						
	Positive role models in schools						
	GCSE and coursework						
	Teacher attention						
	Challenging stereotypes in the curriculum						
	Selection and league tables						
	Identity and class						
	Boys and achievement						
	Subject choice						
	Pupils' sexual and gender identities						
The role of education	Functionalism						
	Neo-liberalism and the New Right						
	Marxism						
Educational Policy	Educational policy before 1988						

	Marketization						
	Coalition government policies						
	The privatisation of education						
<b>Papers 1 and 3: Research Methods</b>							
Choosing a research method	Primary sources						
	Secondary sources						
	Quantitative data						
	Qualitative data						
	Factors influencing choice of methods						
	Practical issues						
	Ethical issues						
	Theoretical issues						
	Factors influencing choice of topic						
	The process of research						
	Aim						
	Hypothesis						
	Operationalising concepts						
	Pilot studies						
	Samples						
Sampling techniques							
Research Methods	Experiments						

	Laboratory experiments						
	Field experiments						
	Questionnaires						
	Interviews:						
	Structured interviews						
	Unstructured interviews						
	Observations						
	Conducting a participant observation study						
	Overt observation						
	Covert observations						
	Secondary sources						
	Official statistics						
	Documents						
<b>Papers 1 and 3: Theories</b>							
Sociology and science	Positivism						
	Interpretivism						
	Karl Popper						
	Kuhn						
	Realism, science and sociology						
Objectivity and values	Classical sociologists						
	Value freedom and commitment						
Functionalism	Society as a system						
	Merton's internal critique of functionalism						

	External critiques of functionalism						
Marxism	Marx						
	Gramsci						
	Althusser						
Feminism	Liberal or reformism feminism						
	Radical feminism						
	Marxist feminism						
	Difference feminism						
Action theories	Weber						
	Symbolic interactionism						
	Phenomenology						
	Ethnomethodology						
	Structure and action						
Globalisation, modernity and postmodernity	Modernity						
	Postmodernism						
	Theories of late modernity						
	Marxist theories of postmodernity						
Sociology and social policy	Influence of sociology on policy						
	Perspective on social policy						
	Functionalism						
	Social democratic perspective						
	Marxism						

	Feminism						
	The New Right						
<b>Paper 2: Families and Households</b>							
Couples	The domestic division of labour						
	Resources and decision making						
	Domestic violence						
Childhood	Childhood as a social construct						
	The future of childhood						
	Has the positive of children improved						
Theories of the family	Functionalism						
	Marxism						
	Feminism						
	The personal life perspective						
Demography	Births						
	Deaths						
	The ageing population						
	Migration						
	Globalisation and migration						
Changing family structures	Divorce						
	Marriage						
	Cohabitation						
	Same sex relationships						
	One person households						

	Parents and children						
	Lone parent families						
	Step families						
	Ethnic differences in family patterns						
	The extended family today						
Family diversity	Modernism and the nuclear family						
	Functionalism						
	The New Right						
	Chester						
	The Rapoport						
	Postmodernism and family diversity						
	Stacey						
	The individualisation thesis						
	Giddens						
	Beck						
	The personal life perspective						
	The connectedness thesis						
	Families and social policy	Perspectives on social policy					
Functionalism							
Donzelot							
The New Right							
Feminism							
Gender regimes							



Paper 2: Beliefs in Society							
Theories of religion	What is religion?						
	Functionalism						
	Marxism						
	Feminism						
Religion and social change	Religion as a conservative force						
	Weber: religion as a force for change						
	Calvinism						
	Hinduism						
	Confucianism						
	Religion and social protest						
	The American Civil Rights Movement						
	The New Christian Right						
	Marxism, religion and change						
	Bloch						
	Liberation theology						
	Millenarian movements						
	Gramsci						
Secularisation	Secularisation in Britain						
	Explanations of secularisation						
	Weber – rationalisation						
	Structural differentiation						
	Social and cultural diversity						

	Religious diversity						
	Cultural defence and transition						
	Secularisation in America						
	Declining church attendance						
	Secularisation from within						
	Religious diversity						
Religion, renewal and choice	New forms of religion						
	From obligation to consumption						
	Spiritual shopping						
	Postmodern religion						
	Religious market theory						
	An alternative view: secularisation and security						
	Existential security theory						
Religion in a global context	Religious fundamentalism						
	Cultural defence						
	Religion and development						
Organisations, movements and members	Types of religious organisations						
	Church						
	Sect						
	Denomination						
	Cult						
	New religious movements						
	Explaining the growth of religious movements						

	Marginality						
	Relative deprivation						
	Social change						
	Religiosity and social groups						
	Gender						
	Ethnicity						
	Age						
Ideology and science	Science as a belief system						
	Ideology						
<b>Paper 3: Crime and Deviance</b>							
Functionalism, strain and subcultural theories	Functionalism						
	Durkheim						
	Davis						
	Kingsley						
	Davis						
	Erikson						
	Merton's strain theory						
	Subcultural strain theories						
	A K Cohen						
	Cloward and Ohlin						
Interactionism and labelling theory	the social construction of crime						
	the effects of labelling						
	primary and secondary deviance						

	deviance amplification spiral						
	policy						
Class, power and crime	explaining class difference in crime						
	Marxism						
	Neo-Marxism						
	Crimes of the powerful						
	Corporate crime						
Realist theories of crime	Right realism						
	Left realism						
Gender, crime and justice	Patterns in crime						
	Chivalry thesis						
	Functionalist sex role theory						
	Patriarchal control						
	Class and gender deals						
	The liberation thesis						
	Why do men commit crime						
Ethnicity, crime and justice	Ethnicity and criminalisation						
	Explaining the differences in offending						
	Ethnicity and victimisation						
Crime and the media	Media representations of crime						
	The media as a cause of crime						

	Moral panics						
Globalisation, green crime, human rights and state crime	Crime and globalisation						
	Green crime						
	State crimes						
Control, punishment and victims	Crime prevention and control						
	Situational crime prevention						
	Environmental crime prevention						
	Social and community crime prevention						
	Surveillance						
	Punishment						
	The victims of crime						