

Subject: Sociology A Level

Specification units

Exam 1 – Education with Theory and Methods

Education – 6 modules.

1. Class differences in achievement – external factors.
2. Class differences in achievement – internal factors.
3. Ethnic differences in achievement.
4. Gender differences in education.
5. The role of education society.
6. Educational policy and inequality.

Theory & Methods

Exam 2 – Options in Sociology -2 sections

Section 1. Families and households - 4 modules

1. The relationship of the family to the social structure and social change, with particular reference to the economy and to state policies.
2. Changing patterns of marriage, cohabitation, separation, divorce, childbearing and the life course, including the sociology of personal life, and the diversity of contemporary family and household structures.
3. Gender roles, domestic labour and power relationships within the family in contemporary society, the nature of childhood, and changes in the status of children in the family and society.
4. Demographic trends in the United Kingdom since 1900: birth rates, death rates, family size, life expectancy, ageing population, and migration and globalisation.

Section 2. Media in Sociology – 6 modules

1. New Media.
2. Ownership & control.
3. Media globalisation & popular control.
4. Selection & presentation of the news.
5. Media representations.
6. Relationship between media and audiences.

Exam 3 – Crime and Deviance with Theory and Methods - 5 Modules

1. Sociological theories of crime, deviance, social order and social control
2. the social distribution of crime and deviance by ethnicity, gender and social class, including recent patterns and trends in crime.
3. Globalisation and crime in contemporary society; the media and crime; green crime; human rights and state crimes.
4. Crime control, surveillance, prevention and punishment, victims, and the role of the criminal justice system and other agencies.
5. Theory and Methods applied to Crime and deviance.

Year 12 Units covered

Exam 1 – Education
Exam 2 -Families and Households
Exam 3 – Theory and Methods

Year 13

Exam 1 - Theory and Methods in Education
Exam 2 – Media in Sociology
Exam 3 - Crime and Deviance with Theory and Methods applied