

AQA GCSE Sociology – Year 11 Revision Guide

Exam Overview

- Paper 1 8th May: The Sociology of Families and Education (1 hour 45 minutes, 100 marks)
- Paper 2 15th May The Sociology of Crime and Deviance, Social Stratification, and Research Methods (1 hour 45 minutes, 100 marks)

Paper 1 – Families and Education

Families	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Types of families (nuclear, extended, reconstituted, same-sex, single-parent)- Conjugal roles and changing relationships- Socialisation and the role of the family- Power relationships and domestic labour- Family diversity and modern family life- Key sociologists: Parsons, Willmott & Young, Oakley
Education	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Roles and functions of education- Social class, gender, and ethnicity in education- School processes (labelling, streaming, pupil subcultures)- Educational achievement and inequality- Key sociologists: Durkheim, Bowles & Gintis, Becker

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Paper 2 – Crime, Deviance, Social Stratification, and Research Methods

Crime & Deviance	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Social construction of crime- Types of crime (street crime, corporate crime, cybercrime)- Reasons for crime and deviance- Patterns of crime by age, gender, ethnicity, and class- Key sociologists: Merton, Cohen
Social Stratification	<p>What is stratification?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Social class and life chances- Poverty and inequality- Power and wealth distribution- Key sociologists: Marx, Weber

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Research Methods: expect questions across both papers on research methods.

- Primary and secondary data
- Quantitative and qualitative methods
- Questionnaires, interviews, observations
- Sampling methods
- Reliability, validity, and representativeness
- Ethics in sociological research

Top Revision and Exam Tips

- Learn key sociologists and be able to APPLY them to questions
- Practise 12-mark regularly
- Use PEEL paragraphs (Point, Explain, Example, Link)
- Revise key terms and use them accurately
- Read questions carefully and always link back to the question
- Use examiners' reports to understand common mistakes

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Useful Revision Websites

- Seneca Learning – AQA GCSE Sociology:
<https://app.senecalearning.com/teacher/class/gvtllllfvc/overview>
- Tutor2u Sociology:
[https://www.tutor2u.net/free/sociology?level=1075786&board\[\]=1075790](https://www.tutor2u.net/free/sociology?level=1075786&board[]=1075790)
- AQA Sociology subject page:
<https://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/sociology/gcse/sociology-8192/assessment-resources>
- Google Classroom for all other revision resources