

## Introduction to Sociology

### What is Sociology?

- Sociology is the scientific study of society, patterns of social relationships, social interaction, and culture of everyday life.
- Sociologists investigate the structure of groups, organisations, and societies, and how people interact within these contexts.
- Social research informs politicians and policy makers, educators, planners, legislators, administrators, developers, businesses, social workers and people interested in resolving social issues in general.

### Course Outline (AQA Specification)

Year 1 = ■ Year 2 = ■

<b>Paper 1</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 2 hours</li><li>• 80 mark total</li></ul>	<b>Education (50 marks)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Two short answer questions making up 10 marks.</li><li>• Two essay questions (10 and 30 marks)</li></ul>	<b>Methods in Context (30 marks)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Two essay questions (10 and 20 marks)</li></ul>
<b>Paper 2</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 2 hours. 1 hour each section.</li><li>• 80 mark total. 40 mark total per section.</li></ul>	<b>Culture and Identity (Section A)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Two 10 mark essay questions.</li><li>• One 20 mark essay question.</li></ul>	<b>The Media (Section B)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Two 10 mark essay questions.</li><li>• One 20 mark essay question.</li></ul>
<b>Paper 3</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 2 hours</li><li>• 80 mark total</li></ul>	<b>Crime and Deviance (50 marks)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Two short answer questions making up 10 marks.</li><li>• Two essay questions (10 and 30 marks)</li></ul>	<b>Methods in Context (30 marks)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Two essay questions (10 and 20 marks)</li></ul>

### Why choose Sociology?

In our increasingly diverse world, the study of sociology gives you the skills 21st century workers need: critical and analytical thinking, writing ability, cultural competence, and self-awareness. Mastering the basics of sociology teaches you to understand the situations of people different than you. If you are interested in the world around you (no, you don't have to follow the news and politics), then you might enjoy Sociology!

## **Articles and Videos**

### **Articles Related to Sociological Topics:**

#### Socialisation (Culture and Identity)

- <https://www.wnycstudios.org/podcasts/radiolab/articles/293679-forbidden-experiment>

#### Media Ownership (The Media)

- <https://www.theguardian.com/media/2015/oct/21/uk-media-plurality-threatened-by-dominant-group-of-large-firms-report>

#### Patterns in Crime (Crime and Deviance)

- <https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2020/jan/06/female-fugitives-women-crime-rates-rise>

#### Equality of Schooling (Education)

- <https://www.independent.co.uk/news/education/education-news/grammar-schools-gcse-exams-academic-selection-durham-university-social-mobility-a8275406.html>

### **Introductory Videos**

- [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YnCJU6PaCio&list=PL8dPuuaLjXtMJ-AfB\\_7J1538YKWkZAnGA&t=0s](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YnCJU6PaCio&list=PL8dPuuaLjXtMJ-AfB_7J1538YKWkZAnGA&t=0s)
- [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DbTt\\_ySTjaY&list=PL8dPuuaLjXtMJ-AfB\\_7J1538YKWkZAnGA&index=3](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DbTt_ySTjaY&list=PL8dPuuaLjXtMJ-AfB_7J1538YKWkZAnGA&index=3)