



UXBRIDGE
HIGH SCHOOL



Sixth Form Transition Pack

Sociology

COURSE INTRODUCTION

Sociology is the study of the society that we all live in. Sociology looks at how our social characteristics affect our chances and experiences in life. We study gender, ethnicity and social class and ask why different kinds of people are less likely to have good health, achieve good qualifications, have social status and be more likely to commit a crime, be poor and die at an early age.

'From each according to his abilities, to each according to his needs.'

Karl Marx

AQA AS Sociology

Compulsory content

- [3.1.1 Education](#)
- [3.1.2 Methods in Context](#)
- [3.2.1 Research Methods](#)

Optional

- [3.2.2 Topics in Sociology](#)
 - [3.2.2.1 Culture and Identity](#)
 - [3.2.2.2 Families and Households](#)
 - [3.2.2.3 Health](#)
 - [3.2.2.4 Work, Poverty and Welfare](#)

Assessments

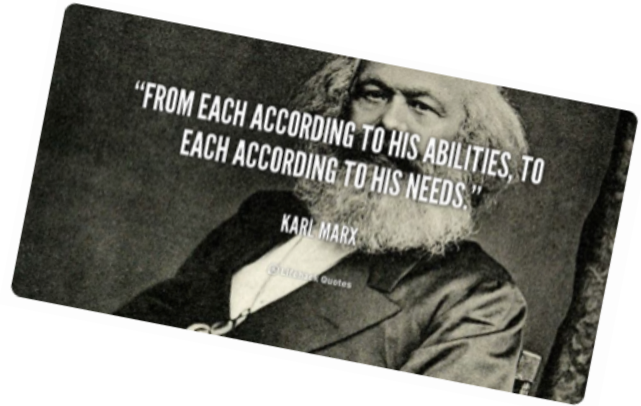
Paper 1: Education with Methods in Context	+	Paper 2: Research Methods and Topics in Sociology
What's assessed Compulsory content 3.1.1, 3.1.2		What's assessed Section A: compulsory content 3.2.1 Section B: one from 3.2.2 Topics in Sociology
Assessed <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 hour 30 minutes written exam • 60 marks • 50% of AS level 		Assessed <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 hour 30 minutes written exam • 60 marks • 50% of AS level
Questions Education: short answer and extended writing, 40 marks Methods in Context: extended writing, 20 marks		Questions Section A: short answer and extended writing, 20 marks Section B: short answer and extended writing, 40 marks

Essential summer reading

Magazines/journals

Key magazines would include:

- Sociology Review
- New Internationalist
- The New Statesmen
- The Economist



All newspapers are valuable resources for students. A number of key newspapers have sociologists writing articles, and cover stories in a very sociological in-depth way. Key newspapers include:

- The Guardian – On Tuesday there is a useful 'Education' supplement, and on Wednesday there is a useful 'Society' supplement
- The Independent.
- The Times
- The Observer
- The Telegraph
- The Financial Times

Essential summer viewing/listening

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YnCJU6PaCio>

Television

Almost all television programmes have sociological value. From soaps & Big Brother to current affairs and documentaries. Ones to look out for include:

- Panorama (BBC1)
- Channel 4 News
- Cutting Edge (C4)
- Have I Got News For You

Websites

- www.sociology.org.uk/
- AQA Home Page: <http://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/sociology/as-and-a-level/sociology-7191-7192>

Task to be completed

1. Consider the films & programmes you watch, the people you follow on Twitter, the books you read, the news you read/see/hear, the music you listen to, the events you attend. Can you make any links from them to the themes we will look at in Sociology?
2. Find a specific photo or a piece of music or a magazine article etc. and do some sociological analysis on it e.g. how does it relate to one of our topics or themes. Keep the article with analysis and any summaries from novels and film / TV and create an ongoing file which you can share with your peers and staff throughout your A level studies.