



UXBRIDGE
HIGH SCHOOL



Sixth Form Transition Pack

Sociology

COURSE INTRODUCTION

The study of A Level Sociology focuses on contemporary society. It will foster the development of critical and reflective thinking with a respect for social diversity. Sociological awareness will develop through engagement with the contemporary social world, highlighting the importance of social structure and social action in explaining social issues.

'Society exists only as a mental concept; in the real world there are only individuals.'

Oscar Wilde

WJEC Eduqas GCE A Level

Component 1: Socialisation and Culture
Written examination: 2 hours 30 minutes
40% of qualification

120 marks

Section A - 20 marks

One structured question on the key concepts and processes of cultural transmission, socialisation and the acquisition of identity.

Section B - 50 marks

This section offers a choice between two options:

- families and households
- youth cultures

Each option includes a compulsory question and a choice between two essay questions.

Section C - 50 marks

This section offers a choice between three options:

- education
- media
- religion

Each option includes a compulsory question and a choice between two essay questions.

Component 2: Methods of Sociological Enquiry

Written examination: 1 hour 45 minutes

20% of qualification

60 marks

Two compulsory questions. One question will be based on stimulus material which will be a synopsis of a piece of sociological research.

The questions will include extended writing and one question will require learners to design, justify and evaluate a piece of sociological research.

Component 3: Power and Stratification

Written examination: 2 hours 30 minutes

40% of qualification

120 marks

Section A - 60 marks

One question on the theme of social differentiation and stratification. This will include a compulsory question and a choice between two essay questions.

Section B - 60 marks

The questions in this section are on the theme of power.

There is a choice between four options:

- crime and deviance
- health and disability
- politics
- world sociology

Each option includes a compulsory question and a choice between two essay questions.

Essential summer reading

- Haralambos, M., & Holborn, M., *Sociology key themes and perspectives (8th edition)* (Collins, 2013).
- Giddens, A., *Sociology (6th edition)* (Polity Press, 2009).
- Marx, K., & Engels, F., *The Communist Manifesto* (Millennium, Publications, 2015).
- Wolf, N., *The Beauty Myth* (Vintage Books, 1991).

Essential summer viewing/listening

<https://www.tutor2u.net/sociology/reference/families-and-households-video-gender-socialisation>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BGq9zW9w3Fw>

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=06IS_X7hWWI

<https://www.tutor2u.net/sociology/videos>

Tasks to be completed

1. Create a poster which outlines some of the 'issues' within contemporary society, as suggested by the media.
2. Write a 200 word speech on gender inequalities in education.
3. Write a 500 word report answering the question ' Why is sociology beneficial to society?'