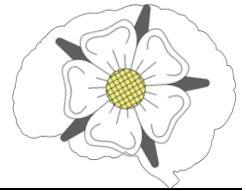


Supporting your Learning in Sociology



Exam Dates

Your GCSE Sociology Exams will be:

Component 1: Understanding Social Processes – Tuesday 11th May 2027

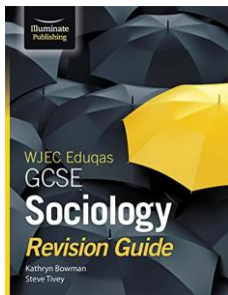
Component 2: Understanding Social Structures – Tuesday 18th May 2027

You need to be able to:

- Understand the **key concepts** (e.g. norms, values, culture, socialisation, stratification).
- Be familiar with the **main perspectives**: Functionalism, Marxism, Feminism, Interactionism.
- Recall **studies and evidence** (e.g. Willis' "Learning to Labour", Oakley on gender roles)
- Compare perspectives (e.g. "Functionalists would argue X, but Marxists would criticise this because...").
- Point out strengths/weaknesses of evidence.
- Show awareness of **contemporary issues** (e.g. globalisation, social media, gender inequality today)

Revision Guides

We recommend the following revision guide:



Websites

<https://onlysociology.com/gcse-sociology/>

Support in School

- Look up your past papers – have a go at answering some and bring them to your teachers
- Drop in revision sessions - pop to see your teacher after school if you have a specific question
- SharePoint revision resources – revision sheets, revision mats, revision wheels

Top Tips

Content Knowledge

- **Master the key concepts & terminology** – make flashcards for sociological terms (e.g., norms, values, socialisation, stratification). Eduqas loves testing definitions.
- **Know your key studies & theories** – summarise each with: who, what, findings, and how it links to exam topics (education, families, crime, media, etc.).

- **Use mind maps** – break down each topic (e.g., Education → roles of education, class & achievement, gender, policies).

Exam Practice

- **Practice past papers & mark schemes** – Eduqas questions often repeat patterns. Get used to the question styles (e.g., 4-mark, 6-mark, 12-mark questions).
- **Learn how to structure essays** – for 12-mark questions, practice PEEL (Point, Evidence, Explain, Link) and always include evaluation.
- **Time yourself** – practise writing under exam timing to avoid running out of time in the real exam.

Skills & Application

- **Apply sociological perspectives** – always think: how would Functionalists / Marxists / Feminists / Interactionists explain this?
- **Use contemporary examples** – link answers to recent issues (e.g., gender equality, media influence, social class inequalities).
- **Practice 'analysis' and 'evaluation'** – don't just describe theories, weigh up strengths and weaknesses.

Memory & Recall

- **Use active recall** – test yourself without notes, then check what you missed.
- **Blurting method** – write everything you remember about a topic, then compare with notes.
- **Spaced repetition** – revisit topics little and often rather than cramming.

My Sociology Revision Plan:

Date:	Focus:	Outcome:

7 th May	External Exams begin	