

Year 12 A level Sociology (11 lessons a fortnight)

Unit	Lessons	KAT	Essential Knowledge, Understanding and Skills.
Families and Households	12 weeks	One question written in timed conditions per 10 lessons	<p>Students are expected to be familiar with sociological explanations of the following content, be able to apply sociological explanations to the following issues and present arguments relating to the following issues:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> the relationship of the family to the social structure and social change, with particular reference to the economy and to state policies changing patterns of marriage, cohabitation, separation, divorce, childbearing and the life course, including the sociology of personal life, and the diversity of contemporary family and household structures gender roles, domestic labour and power relationships within the family in contemporary society the nature of childhood, and changes in the status of children in the family and society demographic trends in the United Kingdom since 1900: birth rates, death rates, family size, life expectancy, ageing population, and migration and globalisation.
Research Methods and Methods in Context	Research Methods- 12 weeks MIC- 2 weeks	One question written in timed conditions per 10 lessons	<p>Students must examine the following areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> quantitative and qualitative methods of research; research design sources of data, including questionnaires, interviews, participant and non-participant observation, experiments, documents and official statistics the distinction between primary and secondary data, and between quantitative and qualitative data

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> the relationship between positivism, interpretivism and sociological methods; the nature of 'social facts' the theoretical, practical and ethical considerations influencing choice of topic, choice of method(s) and the conduct of research <p>Students must be able to apply sociological research methods to the study of education to determine the best ways of researching education sociologically.</p>
Education	12 weeks	One question written in timed conditions per 10 lessons	<p>Students are expected to be familiar with sociological explanations of the following content, be able to apply sociological explanations to the following issues and present arguments relating to the following issues:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> the role and functions of the education system, including its relationship to the economy and to class structure differential educational achievement of social groups by social class, gender and ethnicity in contemporary society relationships and processes within schools, with particular reference to teacher/pupil relationships, pupil identities and subcultures, the hidden curriculum, and the organisation of teaching and learning the significance of educational policies, including policies of selection, marketisation and privatisation, and policies to achieve greater equality of opportunity or outcome, for an understanding of the structure, role, impact and experience of and access to education; the impact of globalisation on educational policy.

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Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4	Week 5	Week 6	Week 7	Week 8	Week 9	Week 10
Research Methods									

Week 11	Week 12	Week 13	Week 14	Week 15	Week 16	Week 17	Week 18	Week 19	Week 20
Research Methods		Education							

Week 21	Week 22	Week 23	Week 24	Week 25	Week 26	Week 27	Week 28	Week 29	Week 30
Education				Methods in Context		Mock exam- Paper 1	Families and Households		

Week 31	Week 32	Week 33	Week 34	Week 35	Week 36	Week 37	Week 38	
Families and Households								

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Media	8 lessons per fortnight for 16 weeks	One question written in timed conditions per 10 lessons	<p>Students are expected to be familiar with sociological explanations of the following content, be able to apply sociological explanations to the following issues and present arguments relating to the following issues:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the new media and their significance for an understanding of the role of the media in contemporary society • the relationship between ownership and control of the media • the media, globalisation and popular culture • the processes of selection and presentation of the content of the news • media representations of age, social class, ethnicity, gender, sexuality and disability • the relationship between the media, their content and presentation, and audiences.
Crime and Deviance	3 lessons per fortnight for 20 weeks	One question written in timed conditions per 10 lessons	<p>Students are expected to be familiar with sociological explanations of the following content, be able to apply sociological explanations to the following issues and present arguments relating to the following issues:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • crime, deviance, social order and social control • the social distribution of crime and deviance by ethnicity, gender and social class, including recent patterns and trends in crime • globalisation and crime in contemporary society; the media and crime; green crime; human rights and state crimes

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • crime control, surveillance, prevention and punishment, victims, and the role of the criminal justice system and other agencies.
Sociological Theories	8 lessons per fortnight for 10 weeks	One question written in timed conditions per 10 lessons	<p>Students are expected to be familiar with sociological explanations of the following content, be able to apply sociological explanations to the following issues and present arguments relating to the following issues:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • consensus, conflict, structural and social action theories • the concepts of modernity and post-modernity in relation to sociological theory • the nature of science and the extent to which Sociology can be regarded as scientific • the relationship between theory and methods • debates about subjectivity, objectivity and value freedom • the relationship between Sociology and social policy.

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Media								Mock exams- Paper 1/ ½	Media
Crime and Deviance- 3 lessons per fortnight								Paper 2	Crime

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Media- 8 lessons per fortnight							Mock exams- Paper 2 and Paper 3	Sociological Theories	
Crime and Deviance- 3 lessons per fortnight								Crime and Deviance	

Week 21	Week 22	Week 23	Week 24	Week 25	Week 26	Week 27	Week 28	Week 29	Week 30
Sociological theories- 8 lessons per fortnight								Revision	
Crime and Deviance- 3 lessons per fortnight									

Week 31	Week 32	Week 33	Week 34	Week 35	
Revision/ A level examinations					