

GCSE Sociology Personal Learning Checklist

Education Topics (Paper 1)	Revised?
Types of schools e.g. free schools, academies	
Alternative schools e.g. home schooling, pupil referral units, democratic schools	
Education Reform Act policies	
New Labour policies	
Changes to education policies since 2010	
Education's role in social control	
Economic role of education (how education supports the economy e.g. by helping people get jobs)	
Marxist views of education	
Reasons for social class differences in attainment (grades)	
Reasons for gender differences in attainment (grades)	
Reasons for differences in attainment (grades) between ethnicities	
Key Theorists (what they said, their perspective, how they did their research) Parsons Durkheim Bowles and Gintis Willis Ball Ball, Bowe and Gewirtz Halsey, Heath and Ridge	
How to answer 3 mark questions	
How to answer Key Theorist questions	
How to answer 12 mark questions	

Family Topics (Paper 1)	Revised?
What is a family?	
Alternatives to the family	
Families in a global context	
Lifetime changes to the family	
Family diversity	
Functionalist perspective	
Marxist perspective	
Feminist perspective	
Conjugal roles	
Symmetrical family	
Power and decision making	
Relationships between parents and children	
Relationships between parents and children	
Relationships with extended family	
Changes in family structure	
Trends in fertility rates	
Trends in marriage	
Trends and theories of divorce	
Contemporary issues	
Key Theorists (What they said, their perspective and research method) Parsons Zaretsky Delphy and Leonard Oakley Rapoport and Rapoport Willmott and Young	
How to write a 3 mark answer	
How to answer a 4 mark key theorist question	
How to write a 12 mark essay	

Research Methods (Paper 1 and Paper 2)	Revised?
Practical concerns (cost, access, time)	
Ethical concerns	
Theoretical concerns (reliable, valid, representative)	
Surveys	
Questionnaires (open vs closed questions, postal vs online)	
Interviews (structured and semi-structured)	
Observations (overt/covert, participant/non-participant)	
Longitudinal studies	
Official Statistics	
Non-official Statistics	
Secondary qualitative research	
Advantages and disadvantages of qualitative and quantitative data	
Alternative research methods	
How to write a 2 mark answer	
How to answer a 4 mark research methods answer	

Social Stratification Topics (Paper 2)	Revised?
Ways of measuring social stratification	
Functionalist views of social stratification	
Marxist views of social stratification	
Feminist views of social stratification	
Life chances: social class	
Life chances: gender	
Life chances: ethnicity	
Life chances: age, disability, sexuality	
Poverty - cultural and material deprivation	
Individualist explanations of poverty	
Societal explanations of poverty	
Welfare	
Types of power	
Key Theorists (what they say, their perspective and how they did their research) Davis and Moore Marx Weber (social class) Weber (power) Townsend Murray Walby Devine	
How to write a 3 mark answer	
How to answer a 4 mark key theorist question	
How to write a 12 mark essay	

Crime and Deviance Topics (Paper 2)	Revised?
Situational deviance	
Formal control	
Informal control	
Functionalist views	
Marxist views	
Feminist views	
Interactionist views	
Statistical data	
Social class and crime	
Gender and crime	
Ethnicity and crime	
Age and crime	
Media and moral panics	
Public concern	
Public debate	
Key Theorists (what they say, their perspective and how they did their research) Merton Becker Heidensohn Carlen Cohen	
How to write a 3 mark answer	
How to answer a 4 mark key theorist question	
How to write a 12 mark essay	