Revision list for AQA GCSE Sociology 2024

Family

The functions of the family

Forms and structures of the family in modern society

Conjugal roles and relationships

Changing roles within the family

Criticisms of the family

Divorce

Key sociologists to be studied are :

Talcott Parsons – functions of the family

Rapoports – family diversity

Ann Oakley – feminist views

Delphy and Leonard - feminism and the family

Wilmott and Young – changing structures of the family, including the symmetrical family

Zaretsky - Marxist ideas of the family

Education

Students should be able to know and understand :

The roles and functions of education

Marxist views on education and the link with capitalism

Factors which affect educational achievement

Processes within schools

Key sociologists are :

Emile Durkheim - norms and values

Talcott Parsons – status and meritocracy

Bowles and Gintis – links to work and the economy

Halsey – inequalities

Ball – parental choice

Paul Willis – counter school culture

Crime and deviance

Students should be able to learn and understand :

Concepts and explanations of crime and deviance

Formal and informal social control

Sociological theories about crime and deviance

Factors affecting criminal behaviour

Data on crime

Key sociologists are :

Merton – causes of crime

Becker – interactionism and labelling

Heidensohn – female conformity

Albert Cohen – subcultures

Carlen – women and crime

Social stratification

Students should be able to learn and understand

Sociological theories of stratification

The concept of socio- economic class

Factors affecting life chances

The affluent worker

Poverty

Power and authority

Power and relationships

Key sociologists are :

Davis and Moore – role allocation and rewards

Marx and Weber - class

Devine - affluent worker

Townsend – Poverty

Murray – underclass

Weber – power

Walby - patriarchy

Sociological research methods

Students should learn and understand:

 Research design and methods used for research

Qualitative and quantitative methods

Different types of data

Primary and secondary sources

Interpretation of data

Practical issues affecting research

Ethical issues affecting research