

## **Revision list for AQA GCSE Sociology**

### **The sociology of families**

- **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**

### **The sociology of education**

- **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**

**The sociology of crime and deviance**

- **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**

**The sociology of social stratification**

- **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**

- **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**