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SOCIOLOGY SP - TOPIC 1

Overview of Sociological Theories

Functionalism

A theory developed by Durkheim that describes society as being in a state of balance or agreement (consensus). Each aspect of society serves a function that helps maintain society as a whole but also acting as a 'social glue' that keeps people together as a group. Without this social glue,



people feel they are disconnected from wider society and experience anomie. Functionalist sociologists are interested in studying the ways in which different aspects of society function to maintain consensus and prevent anomie (a breakdown of norms). Other important functionalist sociologists are: Parsons, Willmott and Young, Merton, Davis and Moore, Cohen

New Right

New Right ideas are often associated with the governments of Margaret Thatcher in Britain and Ronald Regan in America during the 1980s. New Right thinkers believe that social welfare **systems** (such as benefits) encourage a culture of dependency that encourages people to stay on benefits rather than supporting themselves through work. They believe that this has led to the development of an underclass of people who are at the very bottom of the social scale. They place emphasis on competition to drive up standards in public services such as health care and education. *Important New Right thinkers are: Murray*.

Weberianism

A theory developed by Weber that describes society as being in a state of conflict between those with status, wealth and power and those without. Weberian sociologists are interested in studying where power, wealth and status exists in society and how they are used by people.



Marxism

A theory developed by Marx and Engels that describes society as being in a state of conflict between the ruling class (bourgeoisie) and the workers (proletariat) who work for them. The whole of society is organised in ways that benefit the ruling class and allow them to exploit the workers. Marxist



sociologists think that the structure of society causes inequality and are interested in exposing and studying these systems of exploitation. Other important Marxist sociologists are: Zaretsky, Bowles and Gintis, Willis.

Feminism

A theory developed by many different people, mostly women, that describes society as an unequal relationship between men and women that keeps them in a state of conflict. The whole of society is organised in ways that keep power in the hands of men (even though not all men may benefit



from this power, or it may even be harmful to men). This system is called the patriarchy. Feminist sociologists are interested in exposing and studying this system of power and exploitation and showing how it affects women. Other important feminist sociologists are: Delphy and Leonard, Oakley, Heidensohn, Carlen, Walby.

Interactionism

This differs to functionalism and Marxism because it focusses on small-scale human interactions, or how we feel about ourselves and how others make us feel. Interactionists believe that how individuals react to certain situations will depend, at lest in part, on how they feel about themselves. They also believe that labels we are given by other people also affect our behaviour. For example, if we are told we are a good student, we may behave as such, and this will become our master status. They link this to the idea of the self-fulfilling prophecy. *Important interactionist sociologists are: Becker.*

- You won't be asked an exam question about these theories directly.
- You will need to know how to apply these theories to the different sociological debates.
- You will need to learn specific sociologists associated with each theory
- You will need to understand the research carried out by the sociologists, the research methods they used, and how their work can be criticised.

USEFUL REVISION LINKS

Revision mind maps, flash cards, guizzes and more:

https://getrevising.co.uk/resources/level/gcse/subjects/sociology

A-Level content for deepening knowledge: https://www.s-cool.co.uk/a-level/sociology

Past papers and mark schemes: https://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/sociology/gcse/sociology-

8192/assessment-resources

"Crash course sociology" YouTube videos: wh9eQ&list=PL8dPuuaLiXtMJ-AfB 7J1538YKWkZAnGA

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ylXVn-

STRETCH TASKS

- Research the life and work of Friedrich Engels (Marxism)
- Research Weber's ideas about social class
- Research the life and work of Talcott Parsons (Functionalism)
- Research the life and work of George Herbert Mead (Interactionism)
- Research the life and work of Harriet Martineau, who has been described as the first female sociologist.
- Find a copy of the book The Children of Sanchez by Oscar Lewis and write a short review

SOCIOLOGY SP - TOPIC 2 Research Methods

STAGES OF CARRYING OUT RESEARCH

- Generate a testable hypothesis: a statement/question that can be investigated
- Design your study: choosing the correct research methods and sampling strategy
- Conduct a pilot study (practice research investigation): designed to see if the main study is feasible
- Apply your revised research method/s by collecting primary/secondary data
- Analyse data to see if it is reliable, to make it into useful information, and to represent it using graphs/chart to investigate trends, patterns and correlations
- Draw reasoned conclusions that are presented in a clear and useful manner

ETHICAL ISSUES

- Consent Participants must give their consent (permission) to take part.
- Informed consent Participants must be made aware of any dangers/risks, and be made aware of their right to leave the research at any stage (right to withdraw).
- Safety Researchers have a duty to protect their participants (and research team) and not to expose them to undue risks. This includes causing emotional distress.
- Sensitivity Researchers should be sensitive when dealing with vulnerable groups.
- Debriefing At the end of the experiment, participants must be debriefed: given an explanation of the nature of research and how the experiment works.
- Confidentiality/Anonymity Researchers must respect the confidentiality of their participants. This also includes storing all relevant data securely.
- Not misrepresenting data Researchers must have integrity: they must be honest and not tamper with data

SAMPLING

- Random sampling This is when everyone has an equal chance of being selected.
- Systematic sampling Choosing randomly from a list.
 E.g. every 5th, 10th or 20th person on a register or from a list
- Stratified sampling to make the sample as representative as possible, the sample frame will be divided into a number of smaller groups, such as social class, age, gender, ethnicity etc. Individuals are then drawn at random from these groups.
- Snowball sampling This is when you ask your participants to recommend other participants
- Opportunity sampling Where the most convenient or suitable persons are picked
- Cluster sampling This is when the researcher divides the population into separate groups, called clusters. A random sample of clusters is selected from the population.
- Quota sampling interviews must question an exact quota (number) of people from categories such as females, teenagers, in proportion to the numbers in the wider population.

OVERT OBSERVATION – ADVANTAGES

- Can collect detailed and in-depth qualitative data which is likely to be high in validity so it
 can help you understand what people do and why
- If non-participant then you are likely to remain apart from your research subjects and so will remain more objective
- If participant observation is used you will really understand the group under study and see things from their point of view
- There is no deception involved in the research so nobody feels compromised
- If structured using grid tally observation and operationalised terms then you can get reliable data

OVERT OBSERVATION - DISADVANTAGES

- Overt observations may result in the group under study changing their behaviour due to the observer – the Hawthorne effect
- Time consuming and likely to be expensive to complete as many observations are longitudinal
- It can often be difficult to gain access to the groups you wish to observe
- Often difficult to take notes when observing so many researchers have to rely on their memories later which means much can be forgotten or misconstrued
- If participant observation is used, many researchers find that they become too involved with the group they are studying and start to lose their objectivity
- It doesn't get reliable data (participant observation is unstructured)

COVERT OBSERVATION – ADVANTAGES

- Allows the researcher to see participants in their natural environment improved ecological validity;
- · Prevents people from changing their 'normal' behaviour avoids the Hawthorne Effect;
- Increases validity as people do not know they are being studied;
- If using participant observation, it allows the researcher to act as part of the group under study and to really understand things from their point of view – improved validity;

May allow research to be conducted upon groups that would not normally allow researchers in i.e. prostitutes, the homeless, criminals, gangs etc.

COVERT OBSERVATION – DISADVANTAGES

- Covert observations have a number of associated ethical issues
- Difficult to gain access to the group you wish to study e.g. for a covert participant observation, as groups are often deviant/taboo i.e. drug dealers, gangs etc;
- Not ethical difficult to morally justify spying on people;
- May put the researcher in danger if the group find out they are being researched and have not given their consent;
- Danger of the researcher 'going native' and losing their objectivity;
- Research conducted covertly is typically small scale and therefore is unlikely to be representative meaning generalisations cannot be made;

Taking notes/recording information in a covert research study would be very difficult meaning information could be forgotten/changed and therefore lessen its validity

LONGITUDINAL STUDY – ADVANTAGES

- Allows a researcher to build up a picture of social life that recognises changes over time
- · Helps to prevent the study from going out of date
- · Allows for lots of depth and detail
- Helps the researcher to build a rapport with the participants
- Gains more valid data

LONGITUDINAL STUDY – DISADVANTAGES

- Difficult to manage as people's circumstances are constantly changing
- · Time consuming for the researcher
- · Costly for the researcher
- · Data is not reliable
- Researcher may have to cope with participants dropping out of the study or moving away

SOCIOLOGY SP - TOPIC 3 Advantages and Disadvantages

INTERVIEWS - ADVANTAGES

- The researcher gets to speak to the respondents face-to- face so can persuade people to answer thus reducing the problem of non-response
- Interviews can be conducted by phone, avoiding the expense and possible issues of social desirability/interviewer bias
- In unstructured and semi-structured interviews, the researcher can probe to really find out
 what the respondent means, so increasing validity
- They produce qualitative data that can be used to find out about attitudes and opinions;
- · Interviews are good for gathering in-depth and detailed information
- Questions can be rephrased and explained if respondents aren't sure what they're being asked; Group interviews allow discussions to take place to really explore feelings and viewpoints
- Structured interviews allow for respondents answers to be compared and are a reliable method
- Interviews involve interaction between the researcher and the respondent encouraging open and honest responses which are likely to be more valid
- Seeing body language helps you to **build rapport**/tell if someone is telling the truth **High response** rate difficult to say no to a researcher face-to-face

QUESTIONNAIRES – ADVANTAGES

- Relatively easy and cheap to complete research therefore can target a large sample and gain more data
- If comprised (made up) of closed questions, is good for gathering quantitative data which
 can be used to compare the responses of different social groups
- Relatively quick and easy to complete as a respondent so shouldn't be any problems in terms of knowing what to do
- If self-completion can be completed at leisure allowing people time to complete properly and fully
- If postal can be sent out to a wide geographical sample and so improve representativeness of data gathered
- Often completed in private so avoids any researcher effects

Standardised questions means the reliability of the data gathered should be high

INTERVIEWS - DISADVANTAGES

- Interviews are quite time intensive as they involve a conversation
- Can cost a lot to conduct as interviewers have to be trained
- Sample sizes are often quite small when interviews are used as a research method
 which may lead to issues with a lack of representativeness and generalisability of
 data
- Interviews are conducted in artificial situations therefore you can never be certain
 that what is said in an interview is actually what the respondent really thinks
- Interviews are only as successful as the researcher carrying them out, particularly true in an unstructured interview where probing is essential
- If respondents are not asked the same questions i.e. in unstructured interviews, then comparisons between findings are hard to make
- There is a risk of interviewer bias which may affect the validity of the data
- Sometimes respondents may give answers that they feel the interviewer wants to hear, so reducing validity – socially desirable responses
- Recording errors may reduce the validity of the data collected
 Respondents can lie e.g. because they don't want to look bad in front of someone,
 which reduces validity

QUESTIONNAIRES - DISADVANTAGES

- Often uses closed questions so unlikely to produce detailed, qualitative data therefore not good for finding out why people think/act as they do
- Closed questions may mean people have to tick an option box closest to what they
 think rather than what they actually think thus reducing validity of data gathered
- · May be rushed or not taken seriously meaning answers may lack validity
- If self-completion no way of checking the person you intended to complete the questionnaire actually did so
- Problems of non-response may result in a distorted sample and thus less representative data
- If self-completion no way for respondent to raise any queries about any part of the method meaning that it may not be completed in the way that was intended Any leading questions may bias respondents answers

CONTENT ANALYSIS – ADVANTAGES

- · Cheap to complete research only really need some media to analyse
- Can target a sample and gain more data
- Easy to research the rapid growth of the internet has made the process even easier with a
 vast array of media now available online to access and analyse
- Straightforward to complete research as you really just need to tally up the number of times each category in your grid/chart is shown
- Reliable method others can check the findings by using the same grid and applying it to
 the same sample to see if they get the same results

Produces quantitative data which can be turned into statistics so various comparisons can be made to establish any patterns

OFFICIAL STATISTICS - ADVANTAGES

- Many official statistics are freely available to researchers and the general public.
- Easy to access and to navigate by using the ONS website.
- Enable us to make comparisons between social groups and regions, for example the UK National Census
- Enable us to make historical comparisons over time because they often go back a long way.
- Allow us to spot trends, find correlations and make generalisations.

Allow the research to remain detached so there is less room for the **subjective bias** of the researcher to interfere with the research process.

CONTENT ANALYSIS – DISADVANTAGES

- The media is often biased so the researcher needs to be aware that results may also be biased
- Success of the method depends on the quality of the categories if important points
 are missed out then these will also be missing from the results which results in an
 incomplete picture
- If categories aren't clearly operationalised then there will be a lack of consistency
 when completing research leading to issues of reliability especially important if
 research is being completed by a team as they would all be recording different
 information in different categories.
- The quantitative data produced will not be detailed or in-depth or explain why the content is as it is, leading some researchers to question its usefulness

Results are often based on the judgements and opinions of just one person, which is likely to make any conclusions **biased**

OFFICIAL STATISTICS - DISADVANTAGES

- Statistics are free, but they are expensive and time consuming to collect.
- The data which exists and the **categories** and **indicators** used might not fit a researcher's specific research purposes.
- Some Official Statistics lack validity, for example crimes may go unreported and so aren't counted.
- The way that some social trends are measured changes over time sometimes making historical comparisons difficult.

Official statistics may also lack **validity** because they are collected by the state and massaged to make things look better than they actually are.

SOCIOLOGY SP - TOPIC 4 Essential Vocabulary for Research Methods

1	Hypothesis	A supposition, hunch or informed guess, usually written as a statement that can be tested and	USEFUL LINKS
1.	Trypotitesis	then either supported by the evidence or proved wrong.	GGETGETIMES
2.	Ethical issues / considerations	Issues such as informed consent and confidentiality that sociologists must consider in order to conduct morally acceptable research.	Key terms: https://www.tutor2u.net/sociology/topics/group/theory-methods-key-terms
3.	Data: Qualitative and Quantitative	Qualitative: information presented as words or quotations. Quantitative: information presented in numerical form, e.g. as graphs, tables of statistics.	Useful case studies: https://getrevising.co.uk/revision- notes/sociological case studies unit 1 family
4.	Research methods: primary & secondary	Primary: information that is generated and collected at first hand by doing research using techniques such as questionnaires, interviews or observation. Secondary: information that already exists and has previously been generated by or collected by other people. Sources include official statistics, the mass media, autobiographies, and sociological studies.	Pros and cons flashcards: https://quizlet.com/82191741/sociology- research-methods-pros-and-cons-flash-cards/
5.	Sample	A subgroup of the population selected for study. See knowledge organiser for different sampling methods.	Pros and cons of research methods: https://getrevising.co.uk/revision-
6.	Questioning: open and closed	Open: a question that allows respondents to put forward their own answers rather than chose a response from several pre-set answers. Closed: a fixed-choice question that requires the respondent to choose between number of given answers.	notes/sociology-research-methods-advantages- and
7.	Observer/ Hawthorne Effect	In an observation, individuals or groups of people may modify, change or improve an aspect of their behaviour because they are aware they are being observed. It can affect the validity of the findings.	
8.	Validity	Findings are valid if they truly measure or capture what they are supposed to be studying.	
9.	Reliability	Refers to consistency. Research findings are reliable if, after the research is repeated a second ti consistent results are obtained the second time round.	me using the same methods, the same or
10	. Representative sample	Reflects the characteristics of its population. It is just like the population but a smaller version of	fit.
11	. Generalisability	In designing their study, researchers think about the extent to which their findings can be applie sample was a part.	d to the larger population of which their

12. Sample frame	A complete list of all members of the population from which a sample is drawn. Examples include membership lists, school registers and the
	Royal Mail's list of postcode addresses.
13. Triangulation	Cross checking the findings from a qualitative method against the findings from quantitative method. Doing this can improve the
	validity/generalisability of the research.
14. Mixed methods	The use of different methods within one project to generate both quantitative and qualitative data
research	
15. Content analysis	The analysis of documents and images (e.g. media products) by constructing a set of categories, coding sections of the content according to
•	these categories, and then counting the number of times a theme appears.
16. Pilot study	A small-scale trial that is carried out. This is done prior to the main study. It is carried out in order to test that there are no flaws in the
	methodology of the main research.
17. Case study	A detailed study of a particular institution (such as a school or hospital) or a series of related events (such as the moral panic surrounding
•	teenagers wearing hoodies).
18. Confidentiality	An agreement that all information (e.g. gathered from research participants) will only be access by those who have the authority and
	permission to access it.
19. Ethnography	The study of people's culture and practices in everyday settings, usually based on qualitative methods such as participant observation and
	unstructured interviews.
20. Focus group	A type of group interview that focuses on one particular topic. It explores how people interact within the group and how they respond to each
	other's views.
21. Longitudinal study	A study of the same group pf people conducted over a period of time. After the initial survey or interview has taken place, follow-up surveys or
,	interviews are carried out at intervals over a number of years.

SOCIOLOGY SP - TOPIC 5a

Vocabulary : Family

	ESSENTIAL VOCABULARY		
1.	Nuclear family	Two generational families containing a heterosexual married or cohabiting couple and their dependent children.	
2.	Extended family	Group of relatives extending beyond the nuclear family but have regular contact.	
3.	Reconstituted family	A blended or stepfamily in which one or both partners have a child/ren from previous relationships living with them.	
4.	Social stigma	Disapproval of a person based on perceived characteristics.	
5.	Patriarchy	Male dominance over women.	
6.	Household	Made up of people who live in one unit.	
7.	Double shift	When a woman takes on a career and the housework. This then can lead to the triple shift, which also involves emotional support.	
8.	Primary socialisation	How a child is taught the norms and values of a society.	
9.	Monogamy	Being married to just one person. This can be serial monogamy, which is when you may divorce and then get remarried.	
10.	Cohabiting	Live together but are not married.	
11.	Dysfunctional families	Conflict, emotional distress and potential abuse. (This is used to criticise the functionalist perspective as it ignores dysfunctional families in its findings).	

DESIRABLE VOCABULARY		
12. Empty Nest	When the children have moved out and no longer live with their parents.	
13. Canalisation	The way a parent channels their children's interest into toys/ games and other activities.	
14. Egalitarian Families	Sharing power between members of the family.	
15. Principle of stratified diffusion	Social changes start at the top of the social class system and work down (Young and Willmott, 1973).	
16. Polygamy	Practice of having more than one spouse.	
17. Polygyny	Man has 2 or more wives.	
18. Polygandry	Woman has 2 or more husbands.	
19. Instrumental role	Men take on this role as the breadwinner (Parsons, 1959).	
20. Expressive role	Women take on this role as the housewife and mother (Parsons, 1959).	
21. Joint conjugal roles	No rigid division of household tasks. Shared leisure activities.	
22. Segregated conjugal roles	Division in domestic labour due to gender. Separate leisure activities.	
23. Symmetrical family	Spouses perform different tasks but both contribute to the home.	

SOCIOLOGY SP - TOPIC 5b

Vocabulary : Education

	FOOFILIAL MOCABILLARY		
	ESSENTIAL VOCABULARY		
1.	Formal curriculum	The timetabled subjects taught in schools, such as English, Maths, Religious Studies and Spanish. This is called direct learning and refers to the formal things that you learn (for example in a GCSE course).	
2.	Hidden curriculum	Things learned indirectly in school that are not formally taught, such as valuing punctuality, or conformity and obedience. Occurs through things like assemblies, tutor periods, the attitudes and behaviours of staff in school.	
3.	Labelling	The process of attaching a label (a sticky tag), characteristic or definition to individuals or groups. For example, labelling a middle-class student as someone who is clever/bright.	
4.	Self-fulfilling prophecy	This occurs when a person who has been labelled comes to fit the image people have of them; i.e. the prediction becomes true.	
5.	Meritocracy	A system in which individuals' achievements are based on their own talents and efforts rather than their social origins and backgrounds. Functionalists would agree with this.	
6.	Material deprivation	Refers to the inability of individuals or households to afford the goods and activities that are typical in a society at a given point in time.	
7.	Teacher expectations	Assumptions that teachers make about students' future academic achievements based on their knowledge of students' current performance.	
8.	Streaming	Dividing students into different groups or bands based on a general assessment of their ability rather than their performance in a particular subject.	
9.	League tables	League tables measure school performance data. This is statistical information showing how well pupils in England have done in public examinations taken at key points during their school careers. They are available for all members of the public to see.	
10.	Marketisation	An attempt to improve education standards and opportunities by making schools and colleges compete for students in an 'education market'.	

DESIRABLE VOCABULARY		
11.	Home schooling / tuition	Teaching children at home rather than at school, usually by parents or private tutors.
12.	De-schooling	The idea that the education system as it currently organised should be abolished (stopped/eliminated).
13.	Gendered curriculum	A curriculum in which some subjects (including high status subjects such as maths and science) are associated with masculinity) and others (such as languages and humanities) are associated with femininity.
14.	Ethnocentric curriculum	The curriculum is seen as judging things in a biased way from the point of view of one culture. For examples, the National Curriculum may value white, Western literature, art, history etc.
15.	Anti-school subculture	A school-based group of students who resist the school, its teachers and their authority and openly challenge the school rules.
16.	Counter-school culture	A group within a school that rejects the values and norms of the school and replaces them with anti-school values and norms. Willis demonstrated this in his study of working-class lads in his study called 'Learning to Labour' (1977).
17.	Correspondence Principle	Bowles and Gintis' (Marixsts) term used to describe the way that education and work connect or fit together (correspond) in capitalist society.
18.	Competition	A struggle or contest between individuals or groups to obtain (gain) something desirable (such as qualifications, school places, status, power or wealth) that is in limited supply.
19.	Cultural capital	Bourdieu's idea that the knowledge, attitudes and values that the middle class provide for their children gives them an advantage in the education system.
20.	Cultural deprivation	A theory which suggests that some working class and minority ethnic students lack the 'correct' values, behaviours and attitudes from socialisation to succeed in education.

SOCIOLOGY SP - TOPIC 5c

Vocabulary : Crime and Deviance

	ESSENTIAL VOCABULARY		
1.	Crime	Any form of behaviour that breaks the law	
2.	Custodial sentences	Punishment where offenders will be sentenced to go to prison or Young offenders institute	
3.	Crime rate	A measure of the level of criminal activity in a society based on crimes recorded by the police	
4.	Dark figure of crime	The unknown amount of criminal activity that is not reported or recorded to the police	
5.	Deviance	Any form of behaviour that does not conform to the norms of a society – this can be influenced by time, place, social situation and culture	
6.	Formal agencies of social control	Formal rules and social controls that tell everyone within society what is and is not acceptable e.g. the police, the courts, the government	
7 .	Informal agencies of social control	The approval or disapproval of people around us that can influence and control our behaviour e.g. family , friends, peer group, schools, work, religion	
8.	Official crime statistics	Government statistics on crime based on official sources e.g. police records	
9.	Self-report study	A survey that asks respondents to identify crimes they have committed, but for which they have not been caught	
10.	Social construction of crime	What is considered criminal and deviant changes over time or when it takes place, therefore is socially constructed. No act is in itself criminal or deviant- it largely depends on how other member of society see it e.g. homosexuality	
11.	Victim survey	A survey that asks respondents about their experience of crime, regardless of whether or not those crimes have reported	

		DESIRABLE VOCABULARY
12.	Anomie	A situation of normlessness in which the norms that regulate people's behaviour breaks down
13.	Chivalry Thesis	The idea that the criminal justice system treats female offenders (especially those who conform to stereotypes) more leniently than male offenders
14.	Collective conscience	The shared beliefs that bind communities together and regulate individual behaviour
15.	Deviant career	Deviant behaviour that develops over time due to labels. e.g. labelled a troublemaker at school and then goes onto commit crime later in life
16.	Deviancy amplification	The exaggeration of a particular social issue as a consequence of media coverage, e.g. anti-social behaviour by groups of young people
17.	Edgework	Behaviour at the edge of what is normally allowed for accepted; risky or radical behaviour, e.g. stealing and racing a car
18.	Hate crime	Crime based on prejudice towards others because of their race, religion, sexual orientation, disability or because they are transgender
19.	Probation	Prisoners are allowed to leave prison and enter the wider community under supervision, provided they follow certain conditions set by the court
20.	Reported crime	Crime that is reported to the police - not all crime is recorded
21.	Status frustration	A sense of frustration arising in individuals or groups because they are denied status in society
22.	Violent crime	Recorded as 'violence against the person', which covers grievous bodily harm (GBH), assault, kidnap, child abduction, harassment and threats to kill
23.	White collar crime	Criminal acts committed by people in high status positions, such as accountants, doctors or solicitors, during their work, fraud, tax evasion and 'fiddling' expense accounts at work.

SOCIOLOGY SP - TOPIC 5d

Vocabulary : Social Stratification

	ESSENTIAL VOCABULARY		
1.	Poverty (2x definitions)	Absolute poverty: is when people have incomes that are insufficient to obtain the minimum needed to survive (i.e. shelter, food, water, clothing) Relative poverty: is when people cannot afford to meet the general standard of living of most other people in their society	
2.	Status (2x types)	Achieved: Social positions that are earned on the basis of personal talents or merit. Ascribed: Social positions that are fixed and birth and unchanging over time, including hereditary title linked to family background (e.g. Princess, Lord)	
3.	Cycle of deprivation	The idea that deprivation and poverty are passed on from parents to their children	
4.	Life chances	An individual's chances of achieving positive or negative outcomes as they progress through life. Life chances are related to health, education, housing, employment	
5.	Authority and power	Authority: the exercise of power based on consent of agreement Power: the dominance and control of one individual or group over others	
6.	Embourgeoisiem ent	A hypothesis suggesting that working class families are becoming middle class in their norms and values as their incomes and standard of living improves.	
7.	Poverty trap	People can be trapped in poverty if an increase in income reduces the benefits they are entitled to. For example, an employed person receiving means-tested benefits could be worse off after a wage rise if they now earn too much to qualify for benefits.	
8.	Social mobility (3x types)	Vertical: movement up or down between the layers or strata of society. Inter-generational: movement up or down between the layers as measured between generations of a family. Intra-generational: movement of an individual over the course of their life up or down from one occupational classification to another.	
9.	Affluence	Having a lot of money and material possessions	
10.	Social Stratification	The way that society is structured into hierarchical strata (layers) with the most privileged at the top and the least favoured at the bottom. Social class is an example of a social stratification system.	

DESIRABLE VOCABULARY		
11. Bureaucracy	An organisation (such as a government department, e.g. DfE – education), that operates as a hierarchy with a clear set of rules. Bureaucratic authority is based on a set of rules that operate within a bureaucracy.	
12. Relative inconstandard of poverty	compared to other households. Households could be put in rank	
13. Class dealignmen	t Weakening of the links between social class and voting behaviour	
14. Classless so	A society in which there is no private ownership of property and so no clearly structured social classes.	
15. Environmen	A way of measuring deprivation in terms of conditions such as inadequate housing, a lack of a garden, inadequate outdoor play facilities and air pollution.	
16. Functionally important re		
17. Instrumenta	An attitude or approach to something (such as paid work) where it a means to an end (e.g. the wages provide a comfortable lifestyle) rather than an end in itself (e.g. job satisfaction).	
18. Welfare star	A system in which the state takes responsibility for protecting the health and welfare of its citizens and meeting their social needs. The state does this by providing services (e.g. the NHS) and benefits (e.g. Income Support).	
19. Pluralism	An approach which argues that a range of views, interests and opinions exists in society and no one group dominates the political process.	

SOCIOLOGY SP - TOPIC 6a

Key Studies : Family

Sociologist	Perspective	Research Method	Key Findings
Parsons	Functionalist	Secondary sources	Two key functions of the family: 1. Primary socialisation – children are taught the shared norms and values of society 2. Stabilisation of adult personality – family relieves stress of life, like a 'warm bath'
Zaretsky	Marxist	Secondary sources	The family serves capitalism through: 1. Women's unpaid labour 2. Passing on of advantage in families e.g. inheritance 3. Unit of consumption
Delphy and Leonard	Radical feminist	Secondary sources	Family is patriarchal because: 1. Women are exploited economically – labour is used by their husbands 2. Family is hierarchical – men at the top 3. Patriarchal family reflects patriarchal society
Oakley	Feminist	Secondary sources	Analyses the 'conventional family' finding: 1. Women are expected to do unpaid work 2. IDEA of the conventional family is powerful 3. People expect happiness, but nuclear family can be stressful 4. Middle class – more family diversity
Rapoport and Rapoport	NA	Secondary sources	Pioneers in researching family diversity. 5 types: 1. Organisational – structure of families 2. Cultural – cultural/ religious differences 3. Social class – class differences 4. Cohort – historical differences 5. Life course – differences in life cycle of the family
Willmott and Young	Functionalist	Survey; Face- to- face structures interviews	Found the family was becoming more symmetrical – similar but not identical roles, equal contribution to household work, and shared decision making and friends. Home-centred. Principle of stratified diffusion: changes in family life start with higher social classes and trickle down

SOCIOLOGY SP - TOPIC 6b

Key Studies : Education

Sociologist	Perspective	Research Method	Key Findings
Parsons	Functionalist	Secondary sources	 School is an agent of socialisation, and is the bridge between family and wider society promoting 2 values: achievement and equality of opportunity. Education teaches the difference between particularistic (individual) and universalistic values; children have ascribed status in families but in schools everyone is judged by the same standards. Role allocation and meritocracy: education matches individuals to their future jobs based on talent. In a meritocracy the most able reach the top jobs.
Durkheim	Functionalist	Secondary sources	 Main function of education is to transmit and teach shared norms and values and builds social solidarity. This is achieved through lessons such as history which help students see themselves as part of society. Teaches children specialised skills for work
Bowles and Gintis	Marxist	Interviews and secondary sources	 There is a correspondence or similarity between work and school – hierarchy, uniform, tasks are boring etc. Education creates an obedient workforce to serve capitalism This is done through the way schooling is structured and the hidden curriculum Meritocracy is a myth
Willis	Marxist	Case study; Participant observation	Studied the lads – an anti-school subculture – for two years Found they were not obedient but their subculture was similar to WC workplaces
Ball	NA	Case study; participant observation and interviews	 Examined the way a mixed comprehensive school was organised – banding. Working class students more likely to be in lower bands Teachers had different expectations of different bands – i.e. top band students were encouraged, were viewed as well-behaved and hard working. Lower bands were steered towards more practical subjects and were labelled as low ability. Mixed ability classes were introduced which reduced this but labelling still happened
Ball, Bowe and Gewirtz	NA	Interviews and secondary sources	 Parental choice and competition has increased inequalities in education Middle class parents have more choice – greater cultural capital and material advantage. Schools focus on image and results and compete with one another through results, facilities, etc.
Halsey, Heath and Ridge	NA	Face to face survey	 Examined social class origins and educational destinations of a large survey of 8000 men Respondents social class based on father's occupation and divided into 3 types: service, intermediate, working Service class boy 11 times more likely to go to university than working class

SOCIOLOGY SP - TOPIC 6c

Key Studies : Crime

Sociologist	Perspective	Research Method	Key Findings
Merton's (1938) strain theory	Functionalist	Secondary sources	 People's aspirations and goals are shaped by their culture e.g. American Dream = economic success Some people experience a strain between the goals of society and the means of achieving them. This may lead to anomie (normlessness) They may seek out an illegitimate route to economic success e.g. crime
Becker's (1963) interactionist perspective	Interactionist	Secondary sources	 Argues deviance is created by society Powerful social groups create deviance by making the rules and applying these to others People can develop deviant careers if labelled as deviant The deviant label can become a master status (main identity) Labelling can lead to the self-fulfilling prophecy
Heidensohn's (1985) control theory	Feminist	Data from her study of delinquent girls; secondary sources	 Women commit less crime because they are more closely controlled in society In a patriarchal society, women have stronger social control placed on them which can reduce opportunities for crime At home, women are controlled by domestic responsibilities, at work by fear of damaging reputation and in public by fear of male violence
Carlen's (1988) class and gender deal	Feminist	Unstructured interviews	 Carlen explains why working-class women commit crime She argues they are promised two rewards for conforming- 'class deal' (money and material items from working hard) and 'gender deal' (happy domestic life with husband and children) She found WC women committed crime when these rewards were blocked due to: poverty, living in care, drug addiction. They had nothing to lose and everything to gain
Cohen's (1955) subcultural theory	Functionalist	Secondary sources	 Argues delinquency is carried out by groups not individuals, and that groups often commit non-utilitarian (not motivated by money) crimes Working class boys experience status frustration at not succeeding in middle class school They join/ form a delinquent subculture with an alternative status hierarchy where they will gain status for deviance

SOCIOLOGY SP - TOPIC 6d

Key Studies : Social Stratification

Sociologist	Perspective	Research Method	Key Findings
Davis and Moore (1945) theory of stratification	Functionalist	Secondary sources	 Societies must allocate people to different roles – some roles are functionally important (essential for society e.g. doctors) – this is meritocratic These roles have high status and rewards to attract best people to them Stratification is necessary to ensure the most talented people get best jobs
Marx's theory of social class	Marxist	Secondary sources	 Argues there are two main social classes: bourgeoisie and proletariat Bourgeoisie have more power- those than own means of production Proletariat are exploited and experience alienation – class conflict exists Bourgeoisie impose their ideology on working class and create false class consciousness
Weber's theory of social class	Weberian	Secondary sources	 Classes are formed in the labour market – a class is a group who have similar life chances 4 main classes: property owners, professionals, petty bourgeoisie, working class Classes based both on economic factors and status and power too
Weber's theory of power and authority	Weberian	Secondary sources	 Power is based on coercion (use of threat/ violence) or authority (when someone obeys you as they think they should). 3 types of authority: Charismatic authority (inspiring qualities) Traditional authority (based on tradition) Rational legal authority (based on a set of rules and laws which are accepted)
Devine's (1992) Affluent Workers revisited	NA	Intensive (unstructured) interviews	 Revisited Luton to see how far WC life had changed – compared to Goldthorpe's Found WC lifestyles had not changed as much as Goldthorpe suggested Home life not purely home-centred and privatised, interviewees did not have a purely instrumental attitude to work, plenty of evidence of solidarity
Townsend's (1979) relative deprivation theory	NA	Face to face survey	 Developed a deprivation index to measure relative deprivation Found almost 23% of population were in poverty Much higher than 6% (state measure of poverty)
Murray's (1984) New Right perspective on poverty	New Right	Secondary sources including statistics	 Argues welfare benefits create dependency – discouraging people to find work, and actually creating more poverty The underclass are a threat to society – a group who drain resources and do not work – associates it with rising crime and single-parent families
Walby's (1990) theory on patriarchy	Feminist	Secondary sources	 Patriarchy = a system of structures in which men dominate and exploit women - 6 Paid employment, household, culture, sexuality, male violence against women and the state

SOCIOLOGY SP - TOPIC 7

Sentence Stems for 4 and 12 Markers

'Identify and Explain' 4 Markers – Useful Sentence Stems

1 mark for	Up to 3 marks for	
Identifying a relevant, accurate and precise point	Quality of your explanation (including reference to evidence and link to the context)	
One factor	One example of this is	
One function of is	The studyshows that	
One way that	This is an advantage/disadvantage because	
Item A states that	Functionalists / Marxists / Feminists would explain this by	
One advantage/disadvantage	• This means that	
One norm / value	This demonstrates the idea	
Marxists / Functionalists / Feminists would	Sociologists think this is because	
One type of	The reason for this is	
Item A / Source A shows that	It would have an affect on the reliability/validity of the data because	

'Discuss how far sociologists agree...' 12 Markers – Useful Sentence Stems

Point	Evidence	Explanation and Linking
On the one hand [Marxists] might argue	One example of this is	The data shows that
On the other hand [interactionists] might	 The study byshows that 	This means that
think	 The sociologist [name] argued that 	This evidence demonstrates
 [Feminists] would agree with the idea 	 For example, in this study [name] it was 	This study shows that
that	found that	The consequence of this is
Some sociologists would support this idea	 For example [describe a situation] 	This links to the idea thatbecause
because	This is evidenced by	This evidence helps show that
One argument in favour ofis	 Marxist sociologist said that 	This supports the idea thatbecause
Another point linked to this issue is	 Feminist sociologists would refer to / use 	This criticises the idea thatbecause
 Alternatively, other sociologists 	the example of to	

SOCIOLOGY SP – TOPIC 8a

Practice Exam Questions: Family (3,4 and 12 Markers)

FAMILY: 3 MARKERS

- Identify and describe one example of how patriarchy can affect the power relationship within families. (Specimen 1)
- Identify and describe one example of how patriarchy can affect the power relationship within families. (Specimen 1)
- Describe how the domestic division of labour may be organised in families. (Specimen 2)
- Identify and describe one type of family diversity identified by the Rapoports. (Specimen 2)
- · Describe one function of families
- · Identify and describe one criticism that Marxists make about families

FAMILY: 4 MARKERS

- Identify and explain one factor that may have led to an increase in the number of children raised in single-parent families referred to as a concern in Item A. (Specimen 1)
- Identify and explain one advantage of using unstructured interviews to investigate relationships between family members. (Specimen 1)
- From Item B, identify and describe the research method used by the Rapoports including what you know of their perspective on the family. (Specimen 1)
- Identify one function of the family and explain how you would investigate this function using questionnaires. (Specimen 1)
- . Describe the type of statistical data shown in Item A. Identify the trend shown by the data and explain one factor which may account for this trend. (Specimen 2)
- Identify and explain one advantage of using postal questionnaires to investigate the domestic division of labour within families. (Specimen 2)
- From Item B, identify and describe one way in which Delphy and Leonard believed that the family could be patriarchal, including what you know of their sociological perspective on family. (Specimen 2)
- Identify **one** ethical issue that you would need to consider when investigating the domestic division of labour and explain how you would deal with this issue in your investigation. (Specimen 2)
- Identify and explain one factor that may account for the traditional division of labour shown in item A
- · Identify and explain one disadvantage of using structured interviews to investigate conjugal role relationships.
- . From item B, identify and describe the research method used by Oakley, including what you know about her perspective on the family.
- Identify one ethical issue you would need to consider when investigating attitudes towards arranged marriage and explain how you would deal with this issue in your investigation.

FAMILY: 12 MARKERS

- Discuss how far sociologists agree that feminism has changed marriage in modern British society. (Specimen 1)
- Discuss how far sociologists agree that in Britain today social classes have different experiences of marriage and family life. (Specimen 1)
- Discuss how far sociologists agree that changes in the status of women in society are the main reason for the pattern of divorce in Britain since 1945. (Specimen 2)
- Discuss how far sociologists agree that the family has lost its importance in Britain today. (Specimen 2)
- Discuss how far sociologists would agree that families are the main agent of socialisation
- Discuss how far sociologists would agree that marriage is still important in Britain today.

SOCIOLOGY SP - TOPIC 8b

Practice Exam Questions: Education (3,4 and 12 Markers)

7EDUCATION: 3 MARKERS

- Describe the hidden curriculum in education. (Specimen 1)
- Identify and describe one example of the cultural capital which middle class parents can use to give their children advantages at school. (Specimen 1)
- Describe a home-based factor that could influence a student's educational achievement. (Specimen 2)
- Identify and describe one example of a type of secondary school in Britain today. (Specimen 2)
- Describe one in school factor that may influence the educational achievement of working class students.
- · Identify and describe one way in which an ethnocentric curriculum might disadvantage certain groups of students

EDUCATION: 4 MARKERS

- Identify and explain one alternative factor that may have led to the relatively poor performance of working class pupils referred to as a concern in Item C. (Specimen 1)
- Identify and explain one disadvantage of using questionnaires to investigate the literacy skills of parents. (Specimen 1)
- From Item D, identify and describe the research method used by Willis including what you know of his perspective on education. (Specimen 1
- Identify one possible label that might be attached to students who fail to conform and explain the possible impact that label might have on their school career. (Specimen 1)
- Identify and explain one advantage of using a longitudinal study to investigate the relationship between social class and educational achievement as referred to in Item C. (Specimen 2)
- Identify and explain one advantage of using group interviews to investigate school subcultures. (Specimen 2)
- From Item D, identify and describe the research method used by Ball including what you know about his perspective on education. (Specimen 2)
- Identify and explain one possible effect on students of setting in schools. (Specimen 2)
- . Identify and explain one out of school factor which might account for the differences in educational achievement shown in item C.
- Identify and explain one disadvantage of using non-participant observation to investigate student behaviour.
- From item D, identify and describe one impact of the marketisation of schools, including what you know of Ball, Bowe and Gerwitz's perspective on education.
- Identify and explain one possible disadvantage of mixed ability teaching.

EDUCATION: 12 MARKERS

- Discuss how far sociologists agree that the main function of the education system is to serve the needs of the economy. (Specimen 1)
- Discuss how far sociologists agree that a student's socialisation experiences in the home are the main reason for differences in their educational achievement. (Specimen 1)
- . Discuss how far sociologists would agree that gender differences in educational achievement are mainly due to factors inside schools. (Specimen 2)
- Discuss how far sociologists would agree that the main function of today's education system is to transmit the norms and values of society. (Specimen 2)
- Discuss how far sociologists would agree that a student's social class is the main factor affecting their educational achievement.
- · Discuss how far sociologists would agree that the education system prepares students for capitalist society.

SOCIOLOGY SP - TOPIC 8c

Practice Exam Questions: Crime and Deviance (3,4 and 12 Markers)

CRIME AND DEVIANCE: 3 MARKERS

- Describe one example of a criminal subculture. (Specimen 1)
- Identify and describe one informal agency of social control. (Specimen 1)
- Describe one factor that determines whether an act is considered to be a crime. (Specimen 2)
- Identify and describe one formal agency of social control. (Specimen 2)
- Describe one example of white-collar crime
- Identify and describe one source of data on crime.

CRIME AND DEVIANCE: 4 MARKERS

- Describe the type of crime survey in Item A. Identify the trend shown by the data and explain one factor which may account for this trend. (Specimen 1)
- Identify and explain one advantage of using observation to investigate policing in urban areas. (Specimen 1)
- From Item B, identify and describe the method used by Frances Heidensohn including what you know of her perspective on female criminal behaviour. (Specimen 1)
- Identify one ethical issue that you would need to consider when investigating anti-social behaviour in a community and explain how you would deal with this issue in your investigation.
 (Specimen 1)
- Describe the type of statistical data shown in Item A. Identify the trend shown by the data and explain one factor which may account for this trend. (Specimen 2)
- . Identify and explain one advantage of using victim surveys to research the level of crime in society. (Specimen 2)
- From Item B, identify and describe one example of a criminal act which Cohen believed was typical of delinquent subcultures, including what you know of his sociological perspective.
 (Specimen 2)
- Identify and explain one disadvantage of using self-report studies to investigate crime. (Specimen 2)
- Identify and explain one reason why the life goals of the girls did not differ from those in mainstream society, as referred to in item A.
- · Identify and explain one disadvantage of using structured interviews to investigate delinquent behaviour.
- From item B, identify and describe one way in which Becker argued that behaviour can be labelled as deviant, including what you know of his perspective on deviance.
- · Identify and explain one issue for sociologists when attempting to define deviance

CRIME AND DEVIANCE: 12 MARKERS

- Discuss how far sociologists agree that official statistics of crime do not accurately reflect the true level of middle class criminal behaviour. (Specimen 1)
- Discuss how far sociologists agree that the level of youth crime reflects how well parents control their children. (Specimen 1)
- Discuss how far sociologists agree that crimes are more likely to be committed by members of the working class rather than members of the middle class. (Specimen 2)
- Discuss how far sociologists would agree that the mass media can affect people's awareness of how much crime there is in society. (Specimen 2)
- Discuss how far sociologists would agree that institutional racism remains an issue in the criminal justice system.
- . Discuss how far sociologists would agree that inadequate socialisation is the main cause of criminal and deviant behaviour.

SOCIOLOGY SP - TOPIC 8d

Practice Exam Questions: Social Stratification (3,4 and 12 Markers)

SOCIAL STRATIFICATION: 3 MARKERS

- Describe one example of ascribed status. (Specimen 1)
- . Identify and describe one example of how the traditional role of wom4en in society may make them more likely to experience poverty. (Specimen 1)
- Describe one example of achieved status. (Specimen 2)
- Identify and describe one example of social mobility. (Specimen 2)
- Describe one example of a barrier that may limit or prevent social mobility.
- · Identify and describe one form of authority according to Weber.

SOCIAL STRATIFICATION: 4 MARKERS

- Identify and explain one factor which might limit a young person's opportunities to find secure long-term employment as experienced by many of the young people referred to in Item
 C. (Specimen 1)
- Identify and explain one disadvantage of using structured interviews to research young people's experience of unemployment. (Specimen 1)
- From Item D, identify and describe one group that Marx believed had failed to benefit from the development of industry, including what you know of his perspective on these events.
 (Specimen 1)
- Identify and explain one feature of British society which led the sociologist Charles Murray to conclude that there was a growing underclass in Britain. (Specimen 1)
- Identify and explain one factor which might account for less well-off students earning less than their wealthier peers as referred to in Item C. (Specimen 2)
- Identify and explain one disadvantage of using official statistics to measure social mobility. (Specimen 2)
- From Item D, identify and describe one group that would benefit from social stratification, including what you know of Davies and Moore's sociological perspective. (Specimen 2)
- Identify one reason why individuals might experience poverty and explain how you would investigate poverty using interviews. (Specimen 2)
- Identify and explain one factor that may lead to a person experiencing poverty as referred to in item C.
- Identify and explain one disadvantage of using relative measurements of poverty.
- From item D, identify and describe one way Devine suggests that class attitudes and values have not changed significantly, including what you know of her perspective on this issue.
- Identify and describe one way in which age continues to divide British society.

SOCIAL STRATIFICATION: 12 MARKERS

- Discuss how far sociologists agree that social class rather than gender or ethnicity is the most important division in British society. (Specimen 1)
- Discuss how far sociologists agree that a breakdown of the traditional family is one of the most important reasons that child poverty exists in modern British society. (Specimen 1)
- Discuss how far sociologists agree that official statistics underestimate the actual level of poverty in society. (Specimen 2)
- Discuss how far sociologists agree that Britain is a meritocratic society in which everyone has equal opportunities to succeed. (Specimen 2)
- · Discuss how far sociologists would agree that a glass ceiling for women still exists in British society.
- Discuss how far sociologists would agree that the welfare state has helped to create a culture of dependency amongst some groups in Britain.

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