

Year 12 Sociology



Paper 2: Families and Households

1. The relationship of the family to the social structure and social change , with particular reference to the economy and to state policies
2. 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 structure.
3. Gender Roles, domestic labour and power relationships within the family in contemporary society.
4. The nature of childhood and changes in the status of children in the family and society.
5. Demographic trends in the United kingdom since 1900.



Paper 1: Education

1. The Role and function of the education system, including its relationship to the economy and to class structure
2. Differential educational achievement of social groups by social class, gender and ethnicity in contemporary society
3. Relationships and processes within school
4. Significance of educational policies, including policies of Selection, Marketisation , Privatisation, Greater Equality of opportunity, Greater Equality of outcome.



Paper 1: Theory and Methods

1. Quantitative and qualitative methods of research; research design
2. Sources of data, including questionnaires, interviews, participant and non-participant observation, experiments, documents and official statistics
3. The distinction between primary and secondary data, and between quantitative and qualitative data
4. The relationship between positivism, interpretivism and sociological methods; the nature of 'social facts
5. 'The theoretical, practical and ethical considerations influencing choice of topic, choice of method(s) and the conduct of research.

Assessment

Unit 2: Families and Households end of unit test will take place in early January
Unit 1: Education end of unit test will take place at the beginning of the summer Term
Summer Examination will be a Full Paper 1 – Education and research methods (2 hrs) and ½
Paper 2- Families and Households (1 hour)

