



# Step Up to Sociology A Level

## SOCIOLOGY SUMMER TRANSITION WORK



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# Part 1 Step Up to Sociology A Level



- **Exam Board:** OCR
- **Exam papers:** You will sit 3 exam papers at the end of year 13. Below is a detailed plan of how you will be assessed.

Content Overview	Assessment Overview	
<p>Introducing socialisation, culture and identity</p> <p>Themes developed through the context of one of three options:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Families and relationships</li> <li>• Youth subcultures</li> <li>• Media</li> </ul>	<p>Socialisation, culture and identity (01)</p> <p>90 Marks</p> <p>1 hour 30 minutes written paper</p>	<p><b>30%</b></p> <p>of total A level</p>
<p>Research methods and researching social inequalities</p> <p>Understanding social inequalities</p>	<p>Researching and understanding social inequalities (02)*</p> <p>105 Marks</p> <p>2 hours 15 minutes written paper</p>	<p><b>35%</b></p> <p>of total A level</p>
<p>Globalisation and the digital social world</p> <p>Debates explored through a detailed study of one of three options:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Crime and deviance</li> <li>• Education</li> <li>• Religion, belief and faith</li> </ul>	<p>Debates in contemporary society (03)*</p> <p>105 Marks</p> <p>2 hours 15 minutes written paper</p>	<p><b>35%</b></p> <p>of total A level</p>



# Tasks:



- On the following slides you will have a number of tasks to complete.
- The tasks give you an insight into the key topics we will explore in A-level Sociology.



# Socialisation, culture and Identity- Key terms

Define the following concepts and illustrate with examples;

*(You can use the internet to help you)*

1. *Norms*
2. *Values*
3. *Socialisation*
4. *Primary socialisation*
5. *Secondary socialisation*
6. *Agents of socialisation*
7. *Identity*
8. *Social control*

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# Socialisation, culture and Identity

## Key terms



**Briefly define the following terms and give an example of each;**  
*(You can use the internet to help you)*

- Culture
- Subculture
- Cultural diversity
- Cultural hybridity
- High culture
- Popular culture
- Consumer culture
- Global culture

# Socialisation, culture and Identity

## Getting you thinking



- Research the following terms; consumption, globalisation and cross cultural.

### Questions:

1. Do you agree that our culture is based around **consumption** today?
2. How important are the things that you buy to your life?
3. Suggest examples of **globalisation** in action i.e. things that have become **cross-cultural**. Which technological developments have added to the process of **globalisation**?
4. Consider the positive and negative effects on individual cultures of such developments.



# Socialisation, culture and Identity

- Watch the following clip;  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=K0Zs-Ic0t9w>
- Do some research on the internet to find out what the nature/nurture debate is.
- Once you have collected your evidence I want you to write a short essay on the following question; (1 paragraph for the claim and 1 paragraph against the claim:

***Outline and assess the view that human behaviour is shaped more by nurture than nature.***



# Socialisation, culture and Identity

- Read the following article;

## Our lives are becoming hopelessly Americanised, says Professor Halsey

Life in Britain can no longer be said to be uniquely British, a leading social scientist declares.

Growing international homogeneity and the dominance of American culture mean that it is increasingly difficult to pinpoint Britishness, according to the sociologist A.H.Halsey. He suggests that Britain has lost the distinctiveness it had when he was a child, and that our lives are becoming Americanised to the point that life in Britain can no longer be said to be uniquely British. *(Adapted from Brindle 2000)*

***What are your thoughts the idea of cultural homogeneity? Do you feel Britain is still uniquely British?***



# Socialisation, culture and Identity

- What is meant by the term homogeneity?
- Do you agree that our lives have become Americanised? Is this a good or bad thing in your opinion?

**Challenge task: Can you provide examples in modern society that supports the idea that our lives have become Americanised? Explain your answer**



# Socialisation, culture and Identity

- Visit the Scope website ( or search for `Scope end the awkward` on YouTube) and view the films.
- Did the films make you feel awkward? If so consider why.
- Have you experienced a situation involving someone with a disability where awkwardness was a factor? Explain

**Challenge task: Explain how disability can have a negative impact on an individuals life chances.**

# Family: Research task:



- Define the family type.
- Has the family type increased or decreased in contemporary society? Identify key trends (use the internet to find statistical data)
- Identify reasons for the increase or decrease.
- Create a fact sheet on each type of family.

1. Nuclear family
2. Extended family
3. Lone parent family
4. Reconstituted family
5. Same sex family
6. Non family households
7. Living alone
8. Living apart together

**Challenge task: Watch the clip**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RwKlvcWE3E>

**What are the findings from the clip.  
Explain how the findings challenge  
traditional gender roles within the  
family.**

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# Family: Research task:

- Watch the following clips; **The British Family**  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fl40wizRNc4> (Part 1)
  - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=X0nOz1WFyJE> (Part 2)
  - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=atykiYfMzjI> (Part 3)
  - [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nQt8Z\\_Y-6OI](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nQt8Z_Y-6OI) (Part 4)
1. Explain how the role of children, parents and the elderly have changed in the family.
  2. Why have the roles of family members changed?
  3. Is the family a happy place for everyone? Refer to the video clips to support your points.

# Social Inequality



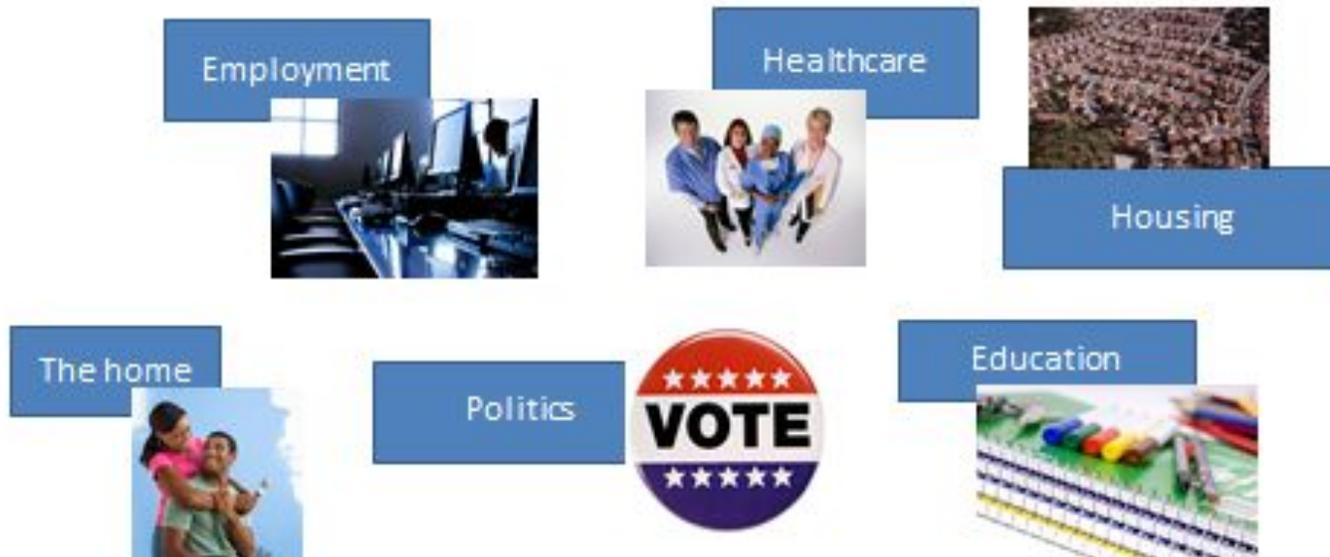
## Gender Inequality

- Consider the following areas. Do you think that women or men experience disadvantage in any of these areas?

Then use the internet to find evidence to support the idea that women experience disadvantages in each area.

You can include sociologists, trends, real life stories and articles.

What changes have taken place in society that has improved the life chances of women?



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# Social Inequality

- **Social Class and Inequalities**

## *Poor Kids: Life on the breadline*

Watch the clip below;

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=i9aSp9bFmMg>

**From the clip, how might an individual's social class be a factor in creating inequalities? Discuss in detail and use examples from the clip to support your answer.**

**Challenge task: Using the internet, find out Marxist view on social class.**

**Explain how Marxist will view social inequalities.**

**\*\* Contemporary evidence: In what way did the Covid19 pandemic negatively impact the working class in comparison to other classes in society.**



# Digital Forms of Communication (DFC)



Look at the image; provide a definition for digital forms of communication.

Watch the following clip on YouTube: Catfish: The TV show Trailer. What impact do digital forms of communication have on our identities and relationships?

**“Digital forms of communication are negative for society”**

*Do you agreed with this statement?*

*Fill in the table*

**Contemporary evidence: Research the recent Black Lives Matter protests around the world.**

**What role did DFC play in helping this important cause?**

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# Education

## Education: Ethnicity and Educational Achievement

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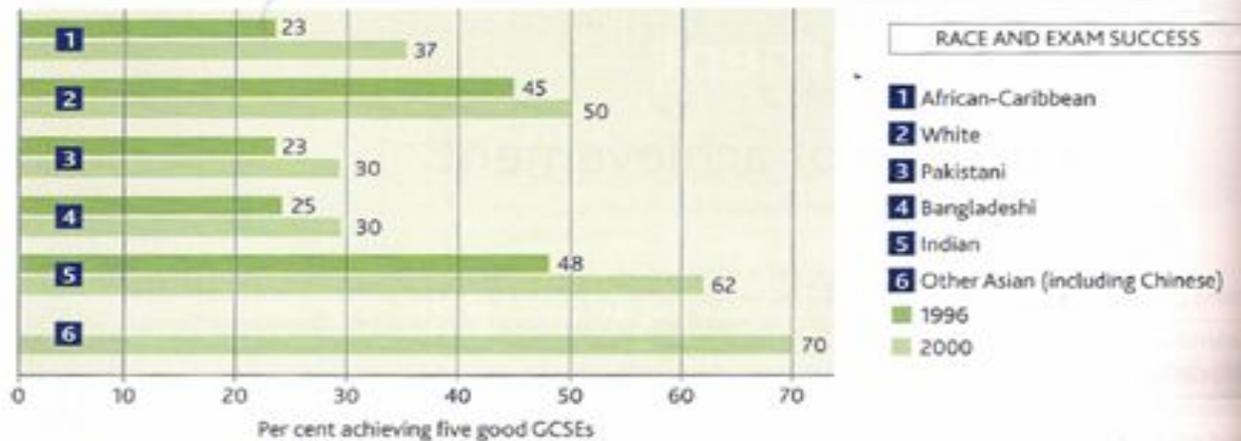


Fig. 4.4 Ethnicity and exam success



# Education

## Explanations

Watch the following clip on YouTube called; *Teacher TV: Black Boys*

Brainstorm all the reasons why black boys are underperforming?

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=n0UI-sqA\\_z0](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=n0UI-sqA_z0)

**Challenge task: Using the internet find the key trends on educational achievement for ethnic minorities and gender (must be recent data).**

**Explain your findings.**

