

Sociology revision topics for Y10 Mock exam

Family -

Content	Additional information
Functions of families	Differing views of the functions of families - Parsons functionalist perspective
Family forms	Different types of families. Rapaports' on family diversity
Conjugal role relationships	Feminist perspective of Oakley. Joint and segregated roles
Changing relationships within families	Willmott and Young - symmetrical family
Criticisms of families	Marxist perspectives of Zaretsky and Delphy and Leonard's feminist critique
Divorce	Legal changes

Education -

Content	Additional information
Roles and functions of education	Functionalist views of Durkheim and Parsons - achieved status and meritocracy
Relationship between education and capitalism	Correspondence principle - Bowles and Gintis
Educational achievement	Halsey - class based inequalities, Ball - parental choice and competition between school
Processes within schools	Groupings - Ball on teacher expectations, Willis on counter school cultures. Becker and labelling

You will need to have a thorough understanding of the main sociological perspectives of functionalism, feminism, Marxism and interactionism. You will also need to revise sociological research methods.