2026 Y11 Mock Exam Preparation: Sociology

Paper 1: The sociology of families and education
Paper 2: The sociology of crime and deviance

Revision Topic List Exam 1	
Content	**Skills**
<u>Families</u> **Functions of families Parsons and the functionalist view** **Family forms - Rapaport study and family diversity** **Conjugal role relationships - Oakley and the feminist perspective** **Changing relationships within families - Willmott and Young; the symmetrical family** **Criticisms of families - Zaretsky, and Delphy and Leonard's Marxist critique** **Divorce - legal changes** **<u>Education</u>** **Roles and functions of education - Durkheim and Parsons' functionalist view; achieved status and meritocracy** **Relationship between education and capitalism - Bowles and Gintis Marxist view; the correspondence principle** **Educational achievement - Halsey's view of class based inequalities, and Ball's study on parental choice and competition between schools.** **Processes within schools - Ball's study on teacher expectations, Willis on counter school culture, and Becker's interactionist theory of labelling**	**A range of 1, 2, 3, 4, and 12 mark questions requiring students to be able to define key terms, describe and explain different theories and perspectives, and also to structure a balanced argument which analyses and evaluates the sociological perspectives and named studies.**

Revision Topic List - Exam 2	
Content	**Skills**
<u>Crime and deviance</u> **The social construction of crime and deviance - Merton's functionalist perspective and Becker's interactionist perspective** **Social control - Heidensohn's feminist perspective on patriarchal control and female conformity** **Criminal and deviant behaviour - Cohen's functionalist view on delinquent subcultures, and Carlen's feminist perspective on women, crime and poverty** **Data on crime - the use of official statistics and the so called 'dark figure'**	**A range of 1, 2, 3, 4, and 12 mark questions requiring students to be able to define key terms, describe and explain different theories and perspectives, and also to structure a balanced argument which analyses and evaluates the sociological perspectives and named studies.**

Students 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.