

AQA Sociology GCSE Topic 1 Question boards.

1. Identify and describe one possible use of sociological research (3 mark)	2. Identify and describe one example of a social structure (3 mark)	3. Describe what sociologists mean by culture. (3 marks)	4. Describe what sociologists mean by 'socialisation'; (3 marks)	5. Identify and explain one criticism of functionalism (4 marks)
6. Identify and explain one difference between consensus and conflict approaches (4 marks)	7. Describe what sociologists mean by the term trend in relation to statistical data. (3 marks)	8. Identify and explain one advantage of carrying out a literature review (4 marks)	9. Describe one difference between a positivist and an interpretivist approach to research (3 marks)	10. Identify and explain one advantage of using a pilot study (4 marks)
11. Identify and describe one reason sociologists may use a non probability based sampling method in their research (4 marks)	12. Identify and explain one advantage of using quantitative data in sociological research (4 marks)	13. Identify and describe one way of carrying out a social survey (3 marks)	14. Identify and explain one advantage of using structured interviews when compared to postal or emailed questionnaires. (4 marks)	15. Identify and explain one advantage of using in-depth interviews to study sensitive issues (4 marks)
16. Identify and explain one disadvantage of using group interviews to study young men's experience of being victims of violence (4 marks)	17. Identify and explain one reason why a researcher might decide to use covert participant observation to study the behaviour of 'football hooligans' (4 marks)	18a. Identify and explain one advantage of using non-participant observation to investigate the behaviour of Year 6 pupils during lessons in a local primary school. (4 marks)	18b. Identify and explain one problem you may encounter when carrying out this research (4 marks)	19. Describe (with reference to the census) what is meant by a 'large-scale longitudinal survey' (3 marks)
20. Identify and explain one advantage of using official statistics to study divorce (4 marks)	21. Identify and explain one disadvantage of using quantitative data that has been collected by other researchers (4 marks)	22. Identify and explain one advantage of content analysis (4 marks)	23. Identify and explain one reason why ethical guidelines are important in sociological research (4 marks)	24. Identify and describe one topic for which a researcher might use a longitudinal study. (4 marks)

AQA Sociology GCSE Topic 2 Family Question boards.

1. Describe what sociologists mean by the term 'lone parent family' (3 marks)	2. Identify and describe one example of an alternative to families in the UK today (3 marks)	3. Identify and explain how one turning point in an individuals life might lead to a change in their family or household situation (4 marks)	4. Describe what sociologists mean by cultural diversity (3 marks)	5. Identify one aspect of family diversity and explain how you would investigate this aspect using unstructured interviews (4 marks)
6. Identify and explain one of Murdock's four functions of the family (4 marks)	7. Identify and explain one criticism of Parson's view of the nuclear family (4 marks)	8. Identify and describe one difference between the feminist and functionalist accounts of primary socialisation (3 marks)	9. Describe what is meant by joint conjugal roles (3 marks)	10. Identify and explain one factor that may have led to an increase in the number of symmetrical families (4 marks)
11. Discuss how far sociologists agree that feminism has led to a change in gender roles within families (12 marks)	12. Identify and describe one way in which power can be measured in families (3 marks)	13. Identify and explain one factor that may have led to changes in the relationships between parents and children over the last 100 Year. (4 marks)	14. Discuss how far sociologists agree that Britain the wider family is becoming less important in people's lives (12 marks)	15. Identify and describe one reason why the majority of reconstituted families have a biological mother and a step-father (3 mark)
16. Identify and explain one factor that may have led to the increase in the number of lone –parent families since the 1970s (4 marks)	17. Identify and explain one factor that may have led to changes in the patterns of fertility in the UK over the last 30 years (4 marks)	18. Describe what is meant by serial monogamy (3 marks)	19. Identify and explain one factor that may have led to the increase in cohabitation during the last 20 year (4 marks)	20. Discuss how far sociologist agree that changing gender roles in society are responsible for the increase in divorce since the 1960s (12 mark)
17. Discuss how far Sociologists agree that there is a 'typical British family' today (12 marks)	18. Identify and explain one strength of the survey questionnaire used by Young and Willmott to research the symmetrical family (4 marks)	19. Discuss how far sociologists agree that family are the main agent of socialisation (12 marks)	20. Identify and describe how economic dependency can affect the power relationships between families (3 marks)	21. Identify and explain one reason for continuing inequality between men and women in contemporary families (4 marks)

AQA Sociology GCSE Topic 3 Education Question boards.

1. Identify and explain function of education for society (4 mark)	2. Identify and explain one way in which schools teach children to become part of society (4 marks)	3. Identify and describe one what in which the hidden curriculum socialises children (3 marks)	4. Identify and explain one criticism of Durkheim's view of the role of the education system (4 marks)	5. Identify and explain one function of the education system according to Parsons (4 marks)
6. Identify and explain one disadvantage of the comprehensive system (4 marks)	7. Identify and explain one argument in favour of private education (4 marks)	8. Describe what sociologists mean by 'de-schooling' (3 marks)	9. Describe what is meant by the marketisation in education (3 marks)	10. Identify and explain one effect of marketisation on Education in Britain (4 marks)
11. Identify and explain one educational reform from the last 25 years aimed at reducing inequality in education (3 marks)	12. Identify and explain one way in which material deprivation could influence educational achievement (4 marks)	13. Identify and explain one way in which parents values and attitudes could influence educational achievement (4 marks)	14. Identify and explain one possible effect of teachers labelling students (4 marks)	15. Identify and explain one possible effect of streaming in schools (4 marks)
16. Identify the research method used by Willis and explain one disadvantage of using this method (4 marks)	17. Identify and explain one reasons why male and female students often choose different subjects in higher education (4 marks)	18. Identify and explain one home factor that may affect attainment levels for some ethnic groups (4 marks)	19. Discuss how far sociologists agree that a pupil's gender is the main reason for difference in educational achievement (12 marks)	20. Discuss how far sociologists agree that government policy in the last 25 years has improved outcomes in education (12 marks)
21. Discuss how far sociologists agree that education has a positive function in society (12 mark)	22. Identify and explain two external factors that might explain why ethnic groups outperform others in school (4 marks)	23. Identify and explain two internal factors can affect the educational achievement of children from different social classes. (4 marks)	24. Identify and explain one way that subcultures could influence a child's educational performance (4 marks)	12. Identify and describe three different ways educational success can be measured (3 marks)

AQA Sociology GCSE Topic 4 Crime Question boards.

1. Identify and explain one difference between crime and deviance (4 marks)	2. Describe what sociologists mean by 'methods of social control' (3 marks)	3. Identify one agency of formal social control and describe how it controls people's behaviour (3 marks)	4. Identify and explain one way in which peer groups may encourage members to conform to their rules (4 marks)	5. Identify and explain one difference between formal and informal rules (4 marks)
6. Identify and explain one function of crime that Durkheim identified (4 marks)	7. Describe what Merton means by 'anomie' (3 marks)	8. Identify and describe one difference between Marxist and Functionalists explanation of crime (3 marks)	9. Describe what Sociologists mean by the term ' master status ' (3 marks)	10. Identify and explain one advantage of using structured interviews to investigate people's experiences of crime (4 marks)
11. Identify and explain one reason why the recorded rate of crime may not include all crimes committed (4 marks)	12. Identify and explain one reasons why corporate crime may be under-represented in crime statistics (4 marks)	13. Identify and explain one reason why there are far fewer women than men in prisons in England and Wales (4 marks)	14. Discuss how far sociologists agree that feminism has led to an increase in the number of female offenders in the UK over the last 40 years (12 marks)	15. Identify one ethical issue you would need to take into consideration when researching hate crime and explain how you would address this issue. (4 marks)
16. Discuss how far sociologists agree that police – recorded crime statistics exaggerate the true level of crime among some ethnic groups (12 marks)	17. Identify one ethical issue you might experience when researching young people's involvement in crime and explain how you would address this issue (4 marks)	18. Describe one example of a delinquent subculture (3 marks)	19. Describe what sociologists mean by a moral panic (3 marks)	20. Describe what sociologists mean by 'agenda setting' (3 marks)
21. Identify and describe one public debate over criminal behaviour. (3 marks)	22. Discuss how far sociologists agree that the middle class is less likely to commit crime than other social classes (12 marks)	23. Describe what sociologists mean by White collar crime (3 marks)	24 Identify what is meant by the psychological approach explains criminal behaviour (3 marks)	Describe and explain the four functions of crime described by functionalists (4 marks)

AQA Sociology GCSE Topic 5 Social Stratification

Question boards.

1. Describe what sociologists mean by the term 'social stratification' (3 marks)	2. Identify and describe one example of social stratification (3 marks)	3. Identify one way of measuring social class and explain why this measure might be used (3 marks)	4. Identify and describe one problem that sociologists might encounter when investigating social mobility (3 marks)	5. Identify and explain one reason why the importance of class may have declined over the last 50 years (4 marks)
6. Identify and explain one reason for the gender pay gap (4 marks)	7. Identify and explain one advantage of using group interviews to study minority ethnic groups' experiences of unemployment. (4 marks)	8. Identify and explain one factor that might affect young people's life chances (4 marks)	9. Identify and describe one way in which governments have tried to reduce age discrimination in Britain over the last 15 years (3 marks)	10. Identify and explain one disadvantage of using content analysis to investigate the way the media portray asylum seekers and refugees (4 marks)
11. Identify and explain one difference between wealth and income (4 marks)	12. Describe what sociologists mean by the term absolute poverty (3 marks)	13. Describe what sociologists mean by the term relative deprivation. (3 marks)	14. Identify one way in which sociologists may measure poverty and explain one disadvantage of using this measure. (4 marks)	15. Identify and explain one reason why women are more likely than men to experience poverty in the UK. (4 marks)
16. Discuss how far sociologists agree that children who are born into poor families in Britain will go on to experience poverty over the course of their lives (12 marks)	17. Describe what sociologists mean by the 'poverty trap' (3 marks)	18. Discuss how far sociologists agree that the behaviour and culture of individuals is one of the most important reasons for poverty in modern Britain. (12 Marks)	19. Identify and explain one disadvantage of using social surveys to investigate people's experience of poverty (4 marks)	20. Discuss how far sociologists agree that there is an underclass in Modern Britain Society. (12 marks)
21. Identify and describe one example of achieved status (3 marks)	22. Discuss how far sociologists agree that gender is the most significant division in British Society today (12 marks)	23. Identify and explain one factor that affects life chances (4 marks)	24. Identify and describe one sociological explanation of crime. (3 marks)	25. Explain what sociologists mean by ascribed status (3 marks)