

AS SOCIOLOGY SUMMER ASSIGNMENT

1. Read over the hand-out and fill in the gaps, using the key terms at the top of the sheet

Identity - social control - status - value freedom - social class - achieved status - ethnicity - minority ethnic group - social classes - gender - social structures - norms - working class - ascribed status - positive - socialisation - roles - social institutions - deviance - social classes - values - social mobility - role conflict - status - upper class - objectivity - underclass - negative sanctions - life chances

Sociology involves studying the social world, but as sociologists are themselves part of this social world, they need to take care that they look at things in a detached and impartial way. They should approach research in an open-minded way, considering all the evidence before making up their minds. This is known as _____. They should also try not to let their own beliefs and prejudices influence their research. This _____ is important if sociology is to be seen as something more than newspaper journalism.

Society is constructed of a range of _____, like the family, religion, the education system and the law. These make up the _____ - the 'building blocks' of society. Sociologists generally believe that people learn the culture of their society, and this learning process is known as _____. For example, males and females often learn to behave in different ways. This difference is known as _____. The learning process the formation of the individual's _____ - how they see and define themselves and how others see and define them. _____ refers to the shared culture of a social group which gives its members a common identity in some ways different from that of other social groups. If a group has a cultural identity

different from the majority population of a society, such as black and Asian groups in Britain, it is known as a _____.

Everyone in society is expected to behave in particular ways in particular situations, and these patterns of expected behaviour are known as _____, but sometimes these come into conflict with each other, causing _____.

Every society has sets of guidelines behaviour. _____ establish the important standards about what is important in a society and what is right or wrong. _____ provide rules about how to behave in particular situations.

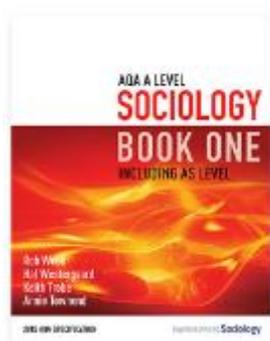
People are encouraged to conform to these rules by _____, which is carried out by a range of rewards and punishments known as _____ and _____. Non-conformity to social rules is known as _____.

A _____ is a group of people who share a similar economic situation, and this can have an important influence on their chances of obtaining the desirable, and avoiding the undesirable, things in life - their _____. The two largest _____ are the _____ and the middle class. The main owners of society's wealth are known as the _____, while the poorest group, which is excluded from full participants in society by poverty, is known as the _____. Sometimes people can move up or down between _____, and this is known as _____. Some people and some positions in society are ranked by others in terms of different amounts of prestige or respect, and this is known as _____. If this is given by birth or family background, it is known as _____. However, some people can achieve their _____ through their own individual efforts and talents. This is known as _____.

2. Write up definitions for the following key terms on revision cards - key term on one side and the definition on the other side. Definitions should be no longer than 1-2 sentences long. You can use textbooks, dictionaries or the internet to help you.

1. Social control
2. Social class
3. Achieved status
4. Ethnicity
5. Gender
6. Social structures
7. Norms
8. Working class
9. Socialisation
10. Social institutions
11. Deviance
12. Values
13. Social mobility
14. Status
15. Negative sanctions
16. Life chances

3. Certain resources are essential to the studying sociology - you will need:



- A ring binder folder
- Dividers
- Writing pens and highlighter
- Textbook - ISBN: 9780954007911

Please note: if you are free school meals, textbooks will be provided