



Summer Task Title / Instructions: Sociology

Task 1: Theoretical Perspectives: Functionalism, Marxism and Feminism

If you study sociology you will be looking at a variety of sociological theories – the most famous being **Functionalism, Marxism and Feminism**. Therefore, having an understanding of these before you start the course will give you a real advantage.

1. Conduct some research on the above three theories - use textbooks (suggestions at the bottom of the instruction sheet) and trusted internet sites. Some good examples are **Tutor2u, Hectic Teacher, Revise Sociology**.

2. Produce a sheet of summary notes for each theory - This could be a poster, a mind map, bullet pointed notes, labelled diagrams or a mix of the suggestions. You have freedom to present your work however you like.

3. Answer the following exam questions.

1. Outline 2 key points about Functionalism (4 marks)
2. Suggest one strength and one of limitation of Functionalism (4 marks)
3. Outline 2 key points about Marxism (4 marks)
4. Suggest one strength and one limitation of Marxism (4 marks)
5. Outline 2 key points about Feminism (4 marks)
6. Suggest one strength and one limitation of Feminism (4 marks)



Structuring your answers: The easiest way to start your answers is by saying “One key point about Functionalism is..” or “One strength of Marxism is..” etc.

*****You can handwrite or type up your answers to the questions. You must include your research notes in your submission. Failure to have a complete task will impact your ATL grade.***

Task 2: Complete the scenario sheet

You have been given a variety of fictional scenarios which represent real sociological areas of study. **Read each scenario and answer the associated questions in as much depth as you can.** We are looking to assess how well you can apply your knowledge and make links between topics.

***Print this sheet off and hand write your answers on the sheet.*

Task 3: Documentary and Review

Watch both documentaries and complete a review for each. Each review should be no more than one side of A4, and should be a subjective account from your own perspective.

1. Stacey Dooley Sleeps Over Series 2 Episode 1: Tradwife

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=r4wkRhFR-ZY&t=337s>

2. BBC Iplayer: Inside the Bruderhof

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/episode/m00071xr/inside-the-bruderhof>

**You can handwrite or type and print your review.*



If you are stuck for how to approach writing this review, use the following prompts:

- ★ I found this documentary to be...
- ★ I already knew...
- ★ I learnt...
- ★ It challenged my perception of...
- ★ My view on... has/has not changed because...
- ★ Following on from this documentary, I researched/read...

- ★ This has enhanced my understanding of...
- ★ And any other reflections that you feel would be suitable.

General advice

- ★ All work **MUST** be handed in at the start of your very first Sociology lesson. If you do not have it, the teacher will send you away. This means that it **needs to be printed, not on a USB or your N drive/google**. Make sure your name is on all pieces of paper and stapled together (where possible).
- ★ As this is your first piece of work, you should be looking to impress your teachers. As such, it is important that you think about how much detail you put into your answers and how well your work is presented.
- ★ The tasks are designed to be creative but sociological so you may need to do some of your own independent research to get the most out of these tasks.

Suggested Additional Reading:

- ★ AQA A Level Sociology book 1 (2015 Specification) – Webb, Westergaard, Trobe, Townsend
- ★ AQA A Level Sociology book 2 (2015 specification) – Webb, Westergaard, Trobe, Townsend
- ★ Sociology Themes and Perspectives – Haralambos and Holborn
- ★ Sociology for AQA, Vol. 1: AS and 1st-Year A Level – Ken Browne
- ★ Sociology for AQA, Vol. 1: AS and 2nd-Year A Level – Ken Browne
- ★ Any other relevant Sociological book
- ★ Relevant online Articles (Must be trusted sites – Please reference these)
- ★ Sociology Review
- ★ Quality newspapers - (Times, Mail, Guardian, etc.)
- ★ Office for National Statistics - <https://www.ons.gov.uk/>