**Sociology Summer Task**

Sociology is the study of people in their daily lives in places such as education, the workplace and family. Sociologists seek to understand how people think and behave and what factors affect their actions. Sociologists study a range of issues in society including family, social class, poverty, gender, media, religion and crime.

**Course Overview**

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| Paper title and content | Question Style | Each paper is 2 hours long and is sat at the end of year 13 |
| Education with theory and methods   * Education * Methods in context * Theory * Methods | Education   * 4 mark * 6 mark * 10 mark item question * 30 mark   Methods in Context   * 20 mark   Theory and Methods   * 10 mark |
| Topics in Sociology   * Families and Households * Either Media or Stratification | Each topic will have the following:   * 10 mark outline and explain * 10 mark item question * 20 mark |
| Crime and Deviance with Theory and Methods   * Crime and Deviance * Theory * Methods | Crime and Deviance   * 4 mark * 6 mark * 10 mark * 30 mark   Theory and Methods   * 10 mark * 20 mark |

**Task 1**

Write a paragraph from your own research to explain each of the different sociological theoretical views:

* Functionalism
* Marxism
* Weberian
* Feminism
* New Right
* Postmodernism

**Task 2**

Choose one of the essay questions below. Your finished essay should be 1000-1200 words.

* To what extent can crime and deviance be reduced by punishment?
* Assess the view that the roles of men and women in the family have changed
* To what extent does the media encourage negative stereotypes of groups in society

Your essay should consider both sides of the topic chosen e.g.

* an agreement with the statement/evidence that supports the view
* an argument/evidence that goes against the statement

**Useful resources:**

Textbook:

* AQA A Level Sociology Book One Including AS Level by Rob Webb

Websites:

* AQA Specification –<http://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/sociology/as-and-alevel/sociology-7191-7192/introduction>
* <https://www.tutor2u.net/sociology>
* <https://hecticteachersalevelsociologysite.wordpress.com/>