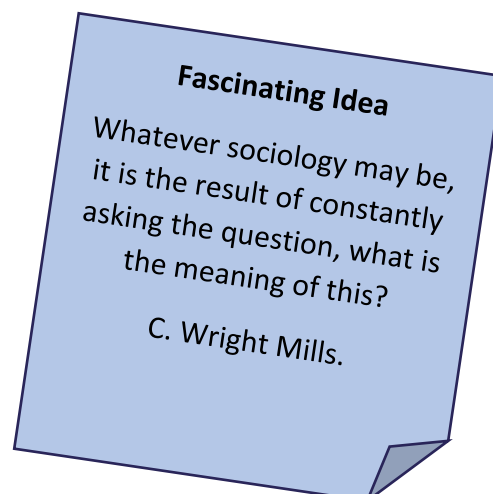


Clarendon Academy Sixth Form: Subject Essentials

Sociology

Exam Board: AQA

Specification: Sociology 7191



How am I examined in this subject?

Sociology is assessed through three exam papers.

- **Paper 1 – Education with Theory and Methods:** this exam is worth 33.3% of your A-Level, is out of 80 and is 2 hours long. It is divided into three sections: Education, Methods in Context and Theory and Methods.
- **Paper 2 – Topics in Sociology:** this exam is worth 33.3% of you're a-Level, is out of 80 and is 2 hours long. It is divided into two sections: Family and Media.
- **Paper 3 – Crime and Deviance with Theory and Methods:** This exam is worth 33.3% of you're a-Level, is out of 80 and is 2 hours long. It is divided into two sections: Crime and Deviance and Theory and Methods.

How are my responses assessed?

In each essay you write, you are assessed on three separate skills or assessment objectives:

AO1: Demonstrate knowledge and understanding of: sociological theories, concepts and evidence and sociological research methods. (44%)

AO2: Apply sociological theories, concepts, evidence and research methods to a range of issues. (31%)

AO3: Analyse and evaluate sociological theories, concepts, evidence and research methods in order to: present arguments, make judgements and draw conclusions. (25%)

What do I have to achieve at GCSE to study this subject?

You need to achieve at least a grade 5 in either English Language or English Literature, grade 5 in Maths and grade 5 in Science at GCSE to achieve well at A-Level Sociology.

How could this subject support my future education or career?

- Sociology can help you understand group dynamics and diverse perspectives as well as construct and dissect persuasive arguments.
- Collect, manage, and analyse complex forms of data.
- Communicate effectively through written and oral presentation.
- Having A-level sociology can lead you to university degree courses in sociology, politics, ethics, philosophy, advertising, media studies, cinema studies, journalism amongst others

How do we support students who are aiming for A/A* grades?

- We encourage our most able students to read widely around the topics we look at in class for contemporary issues from the news. A comprehensive Sociology folder is available on the Sixth Form VLE, which contains a number of thought-provoking articles from academic journals. Students are encouraged to read and make notes on these articles in their Supported Study sessions.
- We organise one-to-one sessions with students who would like additional support in improving their essays or written communication skills.

How do we support students who are finding this subject difficult?

- We organise one-to-one sessions with students who are struggling with specific areas or skills in our subject.
- We provide printed versions of the PowerPoint presentations and other notes we use in lessons for students who experience difficulties with the pace of lessons.
- We provide detailed and helpful feedback on the work that students submit to use and give them the opportunity to improve their work at regular opportunities.
- We direct students to a range of online resources that are designed to support them with independent study and reviewing their notes from class, such as Tutor2u.

Who can I contact if I want to find out more?

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