



**Structure of Exam**

Paper 1 – 1.5 hours – studying Society, Education and families

Paper 2 – 1.5 hours – Crime and deviance, mass media, Power and social inequality – Students will only be able to answer questions on Crime and deviance, mass media and social inequality

**Exam Paper Links:**

All past papers, mark schemes, examiner reports and lesson power points can be found in student resources. W:\Student Resources\Sociology

**Useful Websites/Apps/Books:**

[www.sociology.org.uk](http://www.sociology.org.uk)  
<http://www.tutor2u.net/sociology/gcse-sociology.html>  
[www.getrevising.co.uk](http://www.getrevising.co.uk)

App – dynamite learning

Collins GCSE Sociology Revision – ISBN978-0-00735059-9

**How to revise:**

1. Use the revision booklets given to you by your teacher.
2. Learn key words
3. Learn the essay plans for as many 12 mark questions as possible
4. Down-load previous papers from the link above – complete these and your teacher will mark them for you.
5. Create mind-maps for the different perspectives – functionalist, Marxist, feminist and New Right

**Tips to Answer Common/Extended Questions:**

5 mark question – Describe (2) and explain (3) – ensure you answer both parts of the question.

The diagram illustrates the structure of a 5-mark question. It shows a grid with two columns. The first column is labeled 'DESCRIBE' and the second 'EXPLAIN'. The first two lines of the grid are under 'DESCRIBE' and contain the text 'The functionalist view of the family is'. The next three lines are under 'EXPLAIN' and contain 'Feminists would criticise this view because...'. Below this is a red box labeled 'NEW PARAGRAPH' which also contains 'Feminists would criticise this view because...'. Below the grids is a question: 'Describe the functionalist view of the family and explain how other sociologists may criticise this view. (5 marks)'. Arrows point from the 'DESCRIBE' and 'EXPLAIN' boxes to the corresponding parts of the question.

Remember whatever you describe must be the subject of your explanation.

12 mark questions – *Discuss how far sociologists would agree...*

These questions are looking for balanced answers, you must show both evidence that agrees with the statement and evidence that does not. One sided essays cannot achieve more than 6 of the 12 marks on offer.

Mark	Knowledge and understanding	"How far" (evaluation)	Sociological terms	Spelling / punctuation
1-3	Basic statements with little sociology	no response	very limited range	poor
4-6	Some understanding of relevant sociology	no response	limited range used <u>apparently</u>	poor accuracy
7-9	More developed understanding of relevant sociology	<u>addresses</u> 'how far'	A good range, used effectively.	reasonable accuracy
10-12	Clear understanding of relevant sociology	<u>explicitly and in detail</u> addresses 'how far'	a wide range used very effectively.	considerable accuracy

Use the mark scheme to assess how well you're doing...

### The Introduction

Use the introduction to break down what the question is asking you.

- Define any key terms it mentions.
- Is there a theorist it is talking about.
- What is the key trend in this area?

Write about 3-4 sentences

### Plan your argument

Have at least four points, with at least one on each side of the argument.

### PEEL your paragraphs

P	Point – a <i>sociological theory or concept or idea</i> – <u>say if it agrees or disagrees with the title</u>
E	Explain: <i>what do sociologists think about this?</i> – can you link to a <b>THEORY</b>
E	Example: <i>evidence from stats or a relevant example from real life</i>
L	Link: <i>to the question and next paragraph</i>