

Advance Information for Summer 2022

A Level

Sociology

H580

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H580/01 –Socialisation, culture and identity

Section A:

Aspects of identity and the associated cultural characteristics:

- sexuality
- age
- disability

Section B:

Option 1: Families and relationships

The ideology of the nuclear family and the theoretical debates about the role and desirability of the nuclear family in contemporary society:

- functionalism
- New Right
- Marxism

Option 2: Youth subcultures

Patterns and trends in youth deviance related to:

- social class
- gender
- ethnicity

Option 3: Media

Theoretical views of media effects:

- indirect
- active audience

The role of the media in deviance amplification and the creation of moral panics

H580/02 – Researching and understanding social inequalities

Section A:

Key concepts in the research process:

- respondent validation
- longitudinal studies
- interpretation of data
- the relationship between sociology and social policy

Section B:

The main sociological explanations of social inequality and difference:

- functionalism
- Marxism

Note that this question may relate to explanations of social class, gender, ethnic or age inequalities.

H580/03 – Debates in contemporary society

Section B:

Option 1: Crime and Deviance

The social distribution of offending and victimisation:

- social class
- gender
- ethnicity

Option 2: Education

Explanations for differential educational achievement:

- inside and outside school factors
- structural, material and cultural factors

The question may relate to social class, gender or ethnicity

Option 3: Religion, belief and faith

Theoretical views of the role of religion, belief and faith for the individual and for society:

- Weberianism
- feminism
- phenomenology
- postmodernism

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