

SOCIOLOGY GCSE COURSE



The **Sociology GCSE Course** asks questions such as: Why are there poor people and rich people? Why is it 'right' to wear some clothes but not others (or none at all!)? Is there such a thing as 'society'? With the aid of entertaining cartoons and numerous activities, this stimulating course analyses questions like these and casts a new slant on many aspects of modern life.

Sociology is the study of human society. As a discipline it embraces a variety of viewpoints all of which, however, share the common pursuit of increasing our understanding of the social world.

Sociology places the individual within a social context. It is concerned with the study of social structures, social processes and social issues. In pursuit of this study it has developed a unique and distinctive range of concepts applicable to any human society.

Each lesson of the Sociology GCSE course begins with a set of clearly stated objectives and an explanation of its place in the overall programme of study.

Effective learning is encouraged through frequent activities and self-assessment questions, and there is guidance for the preparation of coursework. There are six tutor-marked assignments. No previous knowledge of the subject is assumed or required.

The Syllabus:

Our Sociology GCSE course prepares students for **AQA GCSE Sociology syllabus 4190**, for exams in 2012 and later years. Assessment is by two written papers (50% each).

- **Paper 1 - Studying Society; Education; Families** (1 Hour, 30 Minutes) is 50% of the total marks. Students answer all questions in all three sections. Each section consists of one question, sub-divided into part-questions. The Education and Families sections offer two options for the final part-question.

Summary of Content:

- Studying Society
- Education
- Families

Price:
£295.00

Instalment Options:
You can spread the payments for this course over 4 monthly payments. 1 initial payment of £145.00, followed by 3 monthly payments of £50.00.

Course Format:
Paper Based Course Materials

Assessment:
2 Examinations

Approximate Study Time:
200 Hours of Self Study

- **Paper 2 - Crime and Deviance; Mass Media; Power; Social Inequality** (1 Hour, 30 Minutes) is 50% of the total marks. Students choose three sections from four section options and answer all questions in each chosen section. Each section consists of one structured question, sub-divided into part-questions. Each section offers two options for the final part-question.

Summary of Content:

- Crime and Deviance
- Mass Media
- Power
- Social Inequality

Coursework:

No Coursework Required.

Additional Reading:

No additional textbook is required, although there are some suggestions for supplementary reading in the course introduction.

Technical Support:

Every student receives a personal tutor with whom they need to keep in regular contact. The essential relationship between student and tutor begins with an introductory letter and a telephone call to help decide on a study plan. All tutors are fully qualified teachers holding either a Postgraduate Certificate in Education or a degree in education. So when you enrol on a course you can be assured of the assistance of a professionally qualified subject specific tutor.

We don't set a limit on how often you can contact your tutor. The advice and encouragement our tutors provide are an important part of your learning experience. You can contact your tutor by Phone, Post or Email. There are tutor-marked assignments (TMA's) in every course. These help the student consolidate the learning he or she has done and prepare for examinations. All tutors have a local rate telephone number such as a 0845 number. This means that when you phone your tutor it will only cost you the price of a local call. Whilst you are still actively submitting assignments, you should expect to be in contact with your tutor regularly. Remember, to get the most out of your tutor, you will need to tell them when you need assistance.

Examination Centres:

There are approximately 300 testing centres in the UK, so finding one close by should not be very difficult. In December/January we contact you to start arranging your examination dates.

We always try to give whatever help we can with examination information, but the entering of students for examinations and any dealings with the examination centre's are entirely the responsibility of the student.

GCSE Examination Fees:

On average the GCSE examination fee is approximately £30 per subject regardless of the amount of examinations, plus an administration fee which is at the discretion of the exam centre.

Studying from Abroad:

It is possible to study GCSE Courses from anywhere in the world. However some courses are easier to study from abroad than others and some restrictions to the type of tuition available apply. If you wish to study a GCSE then you will need to sit the examinations in the UK. Please remember that most of our GCSEs have several examinations which may well be spread over several weeks.