

OCR Sociology Course Overview



Socialisation,
culture and
identity
(90 mins exam)
30%



Components

Debates in
contemporary
society
(135 mins exam)
35%



Researching and
understanding
social
inequalities
(135 mins exam)
35%



Component 1 - Section A: Cultural Concepts

Task:

- 1) Using the PowerPoint resource, describe the meaning of each cultural concept and give an example.
- 2) Now watch an episode from the latest series of Race Across the World ([BBC iPlayer - Race Across the World](#)) and consider how cultures, norms and values differ across the world (cultural diversity) as well as the extent to which cultural hybridity is occurring.

Concept	Description	Examples
Culture		
Norms		
Values		
Customs		
Status		
Subculture		
Cultural Diversity		
Cultural Hybridity		

Component 1 - Section A: Identity - Are we natured or nurtured? How are identities constructed, negotiated and shaped?

Task: Watch the following video clips:

- 1) Feral children - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=93HymGXC_wM
- 2) Role of the family - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MC3XuMvsDI>
- 3) Role of peers - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8I5_thwwKBM

Task: Make bullet point notes on how you think each agent of socialisation below has helped construct/shape your identity and help you learn the norms and values of society. For example, interests/hobbies, actions/behaviour, personality.

Agent	How has the agent of socialisation helped construct/shape your identity and help you learn the norms and values of society?
Family 	
Education 	
Peers 	
Media 	
Religion 	
Workplace 	

Component 2 - Section B: Social Inequalities

Task: Read the article linked to each category of social inequality and answer the subsequent question(s):

Social Class - The stark relationship between income inequality and crime

<https://www.economist.com/graphic-detail/2018/06/07/the-stark-relationship-between-income-inequality-and-crime>

Question: According to this article, how does wealth influence people's perception of crime?

Age - NHS faces staggering increase in cost of elderly care, academics warn.

<https://www.theguardian.com/society/2017/may/24/nhs-faces-staggering-increase-in-cost-of-elderly-care-academics-warn-dementia>

Question: What impact is an ageing population having on public services?

Gender - The dark side of female empowerment: The rise of Britain's 'gangster girls' running gangs

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/women/womens-life/10857716/Britains-gangster-girls-The-dark-side-of-female-empowerment-The-rise-of-women-and-females-running-gangs.html>

Question: Are the rise of 'girl gangs' a direct effect of female liberation? How else could they be explained?

Ethnicity - Met 'use more force' against black people

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-london-44214748>

Question: Summarise the statistics presented in this article. Is this evidence of institutional racism or wider racism in society?

Sociological Theories - In a Nutshell

Task: Research and read through the resource to develop a basic understanding of the characteristics of each sociological theory.



