



# **SOCIOLOGY TASTER SESSION**

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# WHAT IS SOCIOLOGY?

**Study of society, social institutions and social relationships = Social science**

Scientific study of human life

Apply theories and studies to explain key issues in society

Study of social groups and cultures in society

Social policies

Research methods

Gender, class and ethnic identity and how groups experience inequality

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YnCJU6PaCio&t=6s>

Task – Watch the clip and take notes



# OVERVIEW

## Unit 1: Socialisation and Culture

Section A: Cultural transmission, socialisation and Identity

Section B: Families and households

Section C: Education

Written examination (2 hours 30 mins), 40% of total A level

### Key activities

Debates

Group work

Essay writing

Research tasks

## Unit 2: Methods of Sociological Enquiry

Research methods

Design and evaluate Sociological research

Written examination (1 hour 45 mins), 20% of total A level.

## Unit 3: Power and Stratification

Section A: Social differentiation and stratification

Section B: Crime and deviance

Written examination (2 hours 30 mins), 40% of total A level



# CULTURE

Culture is **the whole way of life of a society, it includes the following:**

Dress

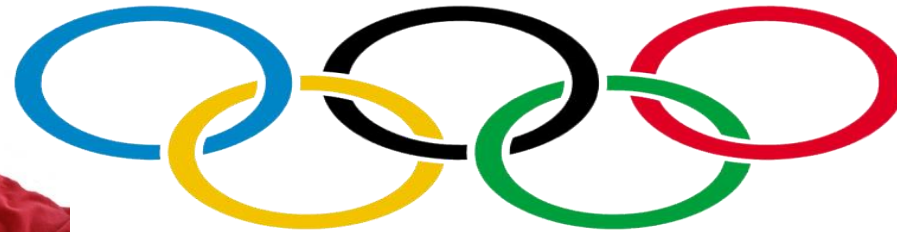
Language

Food

Norms (unwritten rules) and values (shared beliefs)

What does British culture consist of?

# CULTURE



# GENDER ROLE SOCIALIZATION



# CHANGES IN MASCULINITY AND FEMININITY



Masculinity refers to typical characteristics associated with being male.

Femininity refers to typical characteristics associated with being female.

**Task** - list at least 3 ways that masculinity and femininity have changed in recent years.

# METROSEXUAL MALE — MORE IMAGE CONSCIOUS





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- African Caribbean boys perform well in education
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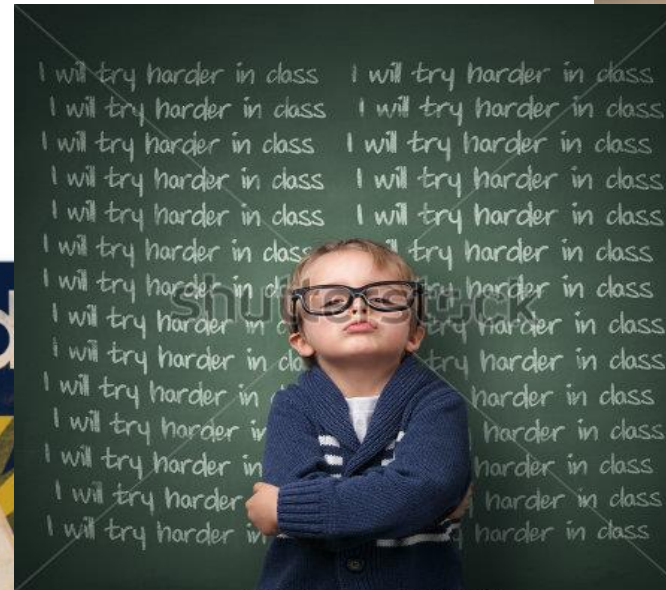
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Task - For each trend can you explain the reason for the difference in attainment.

# WHY DO GIRLS PERFORM BETTER IN EDUCATION??

List 3 reasons



# LABELLING

This theory suggests that individuals in society are given a label which affects their interaction and behaviour. As a result they accept the label and this becomes a self-fulfilling prophecy and part of their identity.

Can you think of any particular social groups who experience negative labelling?



# INEQUALITY — GENDER PAY GAP

The gender pay gap in the UK is 18%.

This is the difference in average earnings between men and women.

So, men on average earn 18% more than women.

Explain why, list at least 3 reasons.



# FAMILY TOPIC — WHAT ARE THE MAIN CHANGES?

1950s family

2017 family

Consider the following:

- Different family types now
- Impact of key legal changes in society
- How relationships between parents and children have changed
- Family size
- Roles of the parents in the family

# CRIME AND DEVIANCE — CAN YOU EXPLAIN EACH TREND?

-80-90% of offenders are male.

-Women are more likely to be convicted of shoplifting and males violent offences.

-Males are more likely to be convicted of offences, compared to women.

-74% of the prison population are unemployed or employed in the lowest occupational level.  
Only 8% of offenders are middle class.

-Burglary, street robbery, shoplifting, violence against the person is committed by young people aged 17-24.

# OVER TO YOU



60% of prisoners re offend.

Why do you think this is?

What would you do to reduce re offending rates?



# STUDYING SOCIOLOGY CAN LEAD TO.....

## Careers

Teaching

Social work

Criminal Justice System - Police

Civil service

Social research

Advertising and marketing

Private business

Law

## Facilitating subjects

Psychology

History

Health and Social Care

English Lang/Lit

Law

Michelle Obama  
has a Sociology  
degree

