



Summer Tasks July 2016

So, you think you would like to study: A Level Sociology?

Summer Task Title / Instructions:

Answer the following exam question:

“Assess the view that the family has negative consequences for women” (20 marks)

To answer this question you will need to discuss **some** of the following:

- The domestic division of labour
- The impact of paid work for women and the family
- Feminist views on the treatment of women in the family
- Opposing views on the treatment of women in the family (Functionalist, Marxist, New Right)
- Resources and decision making in the family
- Domestic violence
- Social Policies and the family

The question asks you to **“Assess”** which means that you need to provide a two sided answer to the question. You will find evidence that the family can be negative and evidence that it isn’t always. Make sure this argument is shown in your response.

Suggested Additional Reading:

- AQA A Level Sociology book 1 (2015 Specification) – Webb, Westergaard, Trobe, Townsend
- Sociology Themes and Perspectives – Haralambos and Holborn
- Sociology for AQA, Vol. 1: AS and 1st-Year A Level – Ken Browne
- Any other relevant Sociological book
- Relevant online Articles (Must be trusted sites – Please reference these)
- Sociology Review
- Quality newspapers - (Times, Mail, Guardian, etc.)
- Office for National Statistics - <https://www.ons.gov.uk/>

You will need to visit the library/Sociology department to get access to these books. Do not rely solely on the reading provided. Alternatively, if you are confident that you will definitely be studying Sociology next year we recommend you purchase your own copy of the **AQA A Level Sociology book 1 (2015 specification)**. This can be found on Amazon for roughly £22.

Suggested Visit:

These suggested visits link to the Sociology A-level course as a whole rather than the question above:

- Crown Court, Norwich
- Childhood museum, London
- Tales of the Old Gaol House, Kings Lynn
- Any place of worship (Mosque, Church, etc.)
- Strike School Museum, Burston: Norfolk
- Karl Marx The walking Tour, London (<http://www.marxwalks.com/>)

Please submit the task, as well as a copy of the reading log, to your teacher on the first lesson in September. Feel to do multiple summer tasks if you are unsure on what subjects to study.