

Preparing for success  
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# SOCIOLOGY

22nd May Paper 1 2 hours 80 marks	9th June Paper 2 2 hours 80 marks	14th June Paper 3 2 hours 80 marks
Education with Theory and Methods	Families and Households Beliefs In Society	Crime and Deviance with Theory and Methods
The education section has one 4 and one 6 mark 'outline and explain question', a 10 mark 'item' question and a 30 mark evaluate essay question. Then there is a 20 mark applying research methods to education essay question, and a 10 mark (no item) theory or methods question.	BOTH sections have three questions: one 10 mark (with item) question, one 10 mark (without item) question and one 20 mark essay question.	The crime section has one 4 and one 6 mark 'outline and explain question', a 10 mark 'item' question and a 30 mark essay question. Then there is a 10 mark (no item) theory and/ or methods question, and finally a 20 mark theory and/ or methods essay question.

Copies of the specification, past papers can be found via the AQA website.

<https://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/sociology/as-and-a-level/sociology-7191-7192>

Check our Google classroom for a variety of resources and links too.

REVISION IS RUNNING EVERY MONDAY LUNCHTIME OR 3-3:45. SIGN UP USING THE FORM IN GOOGLE CLASSROOM. THERE ARE SOME HOLIDAY SESSIONS AVAILABLE TOO!

Our recommended revision guide can be found here:

[https://www.amazon.co.uk/Level-Sociology-Complete-Revision-Practice/dp/1782943560/ref=sr\\_1\\_1?keywords=cgp+sociology&qid=1673897914&s=books&sr=1-1](https://www.amazon.co.uk/Level-Sociology-Complete-Revision-Practice/dp/1782943560/ref=sr_1_1?keywords=cgp+sociology&qid=1673897914&s=books&sr=1-1)



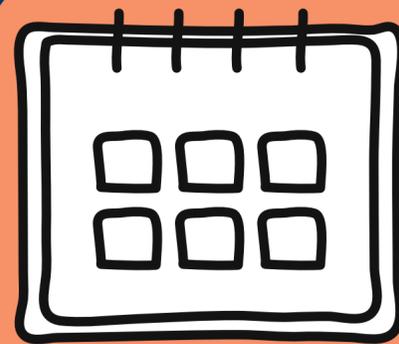
# HOW SHOULD I REVISE?

Three common revision techniques that are LEAST effective in helping you revise are:

- Highlighting texts/ notes
- Re-reading notes
- Summarising text



Plan, plan and plan  
RAG rate parts of the specification for each unit. Make a revision plan of what you will cover each day. Start with the red topics and mix with amber and green. Use the specification to keep track of what you have revised or some areas might be missed.



## Retrieval Practice

Testing what you know is a powerful tool in revision, the effort to remember something really strengthens your memory. Apps such as Memrise and Quizlet allow you to use or create your own quizzes based on topics. Create them, test yourself or get someone to test you, it's works!

**Make sure revision tasks actually test your memory and that you are not just copying from notes that you won't have in the real exam!!!!**

STUDENT TIP

## Flashcards

Simply create with questions on side and answers on the other side. You can colour code for specific topics and quiz yourself or others. Post-its can be also useful for key words and timelines.

**WARNING: DO NOT JUST READ THEM OVER AND OVER (THIS WILL NOT HELP). USE THE LEITNER METHOD!**

## Using Flashcards

Using the Leitner Method, explained in the video below.

<https://youtu.be/C20EvKtdJwQ>

## Interleaving and Spacing

Don't revise your all topics in one go (cramming), you should revise 'chunks' of a topic for small amounts of time (15 minutes) and then move onto another 'chunk' from a different topic/subject. This will improve your memory!

## Draw it!

Graphic organisers are a great way of 'transforming' your notes/information into visual revision topics. They can be used to create links, show a timeline or show a process. Mindmaps are a useful starting point, but then you need to see if you can remember the key aspects from memory!

## Deliberate practice

Set aside time to practice improving your knowledge or answering practice questions. Choose what you need to do, it must be tough enough to challenge you, and practice, practice, practice!

1. Use a model answer from your teacher, pull it apart and identify the key parts. Then answer a similar question and try to replicate the stages.
2. Study material, complete practice questions in timed conditions. Then use your notes to correct / improve your answer.
3. A week later, redo a similar question. Repeat as necessary.

**AGAIN, REVISION NEEDS TO TEST YOUR ABILITY TO DO/REMEMBER SOMETHING, NOT JUST RELY ON READING NOTES!**

This is a time where general wellbeing is extremely important; being tired and stressed affects our memory and can make revision more difficult so here are some top tips from former students.

Plan your revision, this will help to minimise stress levels.



Limit the distractions during revision time to help you stay on schedule.



Drink plenty of water- hydration helps your focus. Keep the caffeine to a minimum to avoid sleep disturbances.



Ditch the devices well before bed so your sleep is not disturbed- your brain needs a decent rest during this time.



SLEEP

Feeling overwhelmed? Talk about it with someone you trust and ensure you schedule in time to relax.

Eat a balanced diet to keep you feeling well and boost your immune system. You can't survive on junk during revision!