



Prior Learning:
Key Concepts and
Processes of
Sociology



Future Learning:
Understanding social
structures

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Social differentiation

Age and inequality
Ethnicity, life chances and inequality
Social differences: disability and sexuality
Poverty

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Families Part 1

What is a family?
Family Diversity
Changing marriage patterns
Growth in singlehood
Divorce

3

Families Part 2

Is the family in decline?
Changes in conjugal roles and the changing role of men
The changing role of children
The role of older people in the family

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Theories of the Family

The functionalist view of the family
The Marxist view of the family
The feminist view of the family

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Education Part 1

Social Class and Attainment
Different types of school
Cultural capital, deprivation and factors
Material deprivation and factors
Labelling and self-fulfilling prophecies

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Education Part 2

Factors in educational achievement
Anti-School Subcultures
Functionalist view of education
Marxist view of education
Feminist view of education

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Future Learning:
A-Level, BA, MA

Component 2: Understanding social structures

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Crime and Deviance 1

Social construction of crime and deviance
Social control
Anomie, subcultures and crime
Marxism and crime
Interactionism and Crime

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Crime and Deviance 2

Debates around crime:
Gender and crime
Impact of institutional racism
Patterns of criminal and deviant behaviour

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Crime and Deviance 3

What are the causes of crime?
Sources of data on crime
What do sociological theories tell us about official crime figures?

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Sociological Research Methods

Different types of data
Questionnaires
Interviews
Observation
Ethics in Research

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Applied Methods of sociological enquiry

Sampling
Practical issues
Planning research
Mixed methods process
How to evaluate sociological research

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Exam skills and technique; Revision

Demonstrate
Apply
Analyse and Evaluate
Exam walk through