**A-LEVEL SOCIOLOGY SUMMARY OF TOPICS**

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| **Paper 1: Education, Theory and Methods** | |
| **Education theories** | Functionalism |
| Marxism |
| Neo Marxism |
| New Right |
| Social Democratic |
| Feminism |
| **Class** | Internal/External |
| **Gender** |
| **Ethnicity** |
| **Education policies** | Since 1988 |
| **Research methods and Methods in context** |  |
| **Sociological theories** | (see paper 3) |

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| **Paper 2: Family** | |
| **Theories** | Functionalism |
| Marxism |
| Liberal feminism |
| Marxist feminism |
| Radical feminism |
| Postmodern |
| Personal life perspective |
| **Gender roles** | Equal, unequal, now based on choice |
| **Childhood** | Changing, blurring, disappeared, protected, socially constructed |
| **Trends, demographics and diversity** | Evidence for changes to the family. Debate: is the nuclear family still dominant |
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| **Paper 2: Beliefs in Society OR** | **Paper 2: Stratification (E group)** |
| What are beliefs – ideology, hegemony, etc | Theories of stratification |
| Theoretical approaches to religion | Class |
| New Religious Movements | Gender |
| Religion and Social change | Ethnicity |
| Secularisation | Age |
| Religion and social groups e.g., by gender, age, social class, ethnicity | Disability |
| Science and belief |  |
| Nationalism and ideology |  |

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| **Paper 3: Crime, Theory and Methods** | |
| **Theory** | Functionalism, strain, subcultural |
| Marxism |
| Interactionist/labelling |
| Radical/critical criminology (neo- Marxist) |
| Left realism |
| Right realism |
| **Statistics and trends** | Collecting statistics on crime |
| Ethnicity |
| Gender |
| **Media** | Moral panics |
| **Globalisation and crime** |  |
| **Crime control and victims** |  |
| **Theory and Methods** | Methods  Value freedom  Sociology as a science  Theoretical views of methods.  Theoretical views: Functionalism, Marxism, Neo-Marxism, Feminism, Postmodernism, Interactionism, Phenomenology, Ethnomethodology, Structure vs action, macro vs micro, social policy |