**Questions on Sociology Review Article “Is Social Class Still Important” – Steve Chapman (November 2008)**

1. Why do Postmodernists feel that social class is no longer important?
2. Why do **Diamond and Giddens (2005)** argue that ‘the working class is no longer important’?
3. Why do they ‘reject the nation of class inequality’ and what social and economic divisions do they suggest are more important?
4. Why might the argument that class is no longer important be a useful or convenient argument for governments?
5. Why does **Jock Young (2007)** disagree with the idea that class is no longer important?
6. Why does **David Kynaston (2008)** believe that meritocracy does not exist?
7. List some pieces of statistical evidence which might be used to support Kynaston’s argument
8. What evidence is there to support Kynaston’s argument that ‘private education is a roadblock on the route to meritocracy’?
9. What does **Feinstein (2007)** say about the educational achievement of working class children compared to middle class children?
10. What do studies of social mobility suggest about the significance of social class?
11. Why do Goldthorpe and Jackson (2007) suggest that chances of upward mobility for the working class are now more limited?