Revision

Families and households, and Education

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This exercise will help you revise.

Here are some quick tasks to brush up the topics of Families and households, and Education. You can sit down and do them all at once, but it is also useful to print off the lists and put them in your folder, and do one or two when you have spare moments. Don't forget to take time to check your answers, either by yourself or with a friend.

Questions

Families and households

1. State what is meant by ‘a household’.
2. Outline and explain two reasons for the fall in the average household size.
3. Outline and explain two reasons for the rise in cohabitation.
4. Outline and explain two reasons for the increase in one-person households.
5. Outline and explain two reasons why functionalist sociologists emphasised the importance of the traditional nuclear family.
6. Evaluate the arguments and evidence for the view that the extended family no longer plays a significant role in family life in modern Britain.

Education

1. Outline and explain two ways in which streaming in schools can affect pupils’ performance.
2. Outline and explain two reasons why females are currently out-performing males in exam results.
3. Outline and explain two ways in which schools prepare pupils for the world of work.
4. Outline and explain two ways in which pupils might be influenced by the hidden curriculum.
5. Outline and explain two ways in which it could be argued that the education system is not meritocratic.
6. Evaluate the arguments and evidence for the view that the education system is still failing many working-class pupils.

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