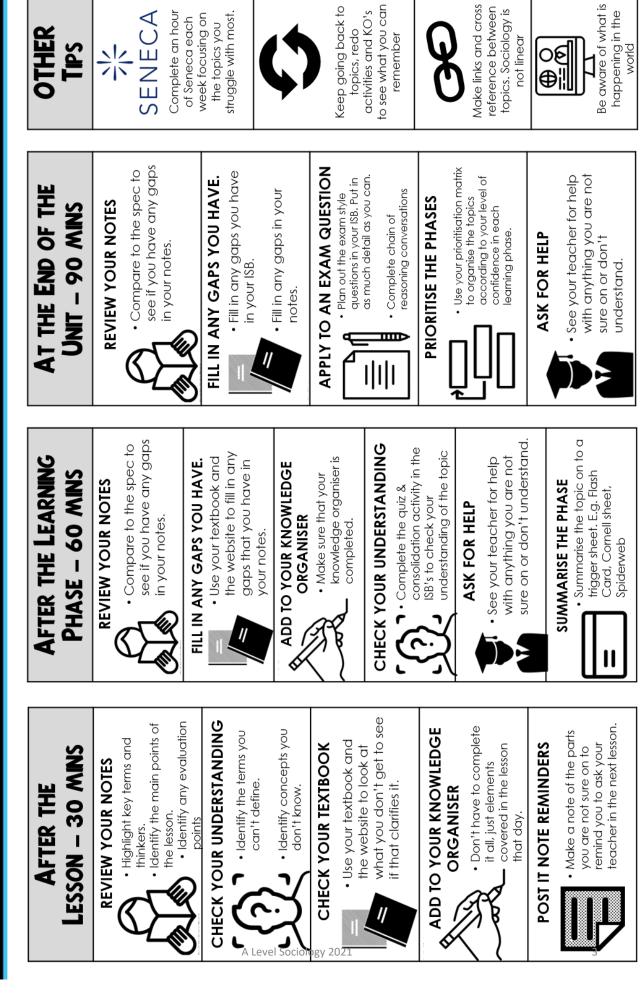
# Theory and Methods Perspectives



### Part 1:

- Introduction
- Functionalism
- Marxism
- Feminisms
- Interactionism
- Postmodernism

WHAT DOES INDEPENDENT STUDY LOOK LIKE IN SOCIOLOGY?



### How to use this booklet:

Each section of this booklet contains:

- Topic overview sheet
  - What you need to know
  - Key Terms
  - Key Thinkers
  - Links to Resources
- Knowledge Organiser
  - Completed to help ensure notes are full.
- Notes Prioritisation and Check
  - Key questions to use to check your notes are complete and to prioritise your knowledge.
- Quick Question Quiz
  - 10 questions to check your understanding
- Consolidation Activity
  - To bring together your learning and ensure your understanding.

When completing the booklet you will need 3 different colours.

- Completed without any notes
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- □ Asked for help from Teacher

You must complete the Notes and Quick Question task. The Consolidation activity is there as an extension.

This will help you to see where there are gaps in your knowledge and areas that you need to focus on for your study.

## Checks

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### WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW:

- □ Key terminology in sociology.
- □ What the study of sociology entails.
- □ The social groups sociologists are interested in.
- Outline the main sociological perspectives and thinkers.

### **KEY TERMS FOR THIS TOPIC**

- Sociology
- Social Sciences
- Social Issues
- Norms
- Values
- Socialisation
- Class
- Age
- Ethnicity
- Gender
- Disability
- Sexuality
- Sociological Imagination
- Functionalism
- Marxism
- Feminisms
- Interactionism
- Postmodernism

### **KEY THINKERS**

- Comte
- Durkheim
- Marx
- Weber
- Oakley
- Firestone

#### RESOURCES

- Webb, Westergaard, Trobe and Townend Book 1: 5 - 12
  - Browne Book 1: 3 22
    Browne Book 2: 367- 370
  - Browne Book 2: 367-370
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- WEBSITES



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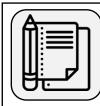
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F	Definition of		
	Definition of Sociology.		Outline
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		Marxism	A structural of society is in of believe that through varion knowledge.
	Social Groups	Feminism	A set of struc society as a look at ways
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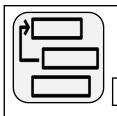
August Comte is the for sociology its name a the study of society.



### **NOTE TAKING TASK**

To ensure that your notes are complete and cover all the necessary content, you need to make sure that you are answering each of the questions below.

What is Sociology?	History of sociology	Sociological Interests
Define the following terms:		
Social Sciences	Who is Augustus Comte and	What is a social problem – give
<ul> <li>Sociology</li> </ul>	why is he important to sociology?	examples?
• Society		
Social Institutions		
Social Structures	What changes in society led to	What is a sociological problem –
• Norms	the development of sociology?	give examples?
<ul> <li>Values</li> </ul>		
<ul> <li>Sociological Imagination</li> </ul>	How did Sociology develop as an academic discipline?	Why are sociologists interested in these topics?



### PRIORITISATION

Once you have taken your notes, colour code the question according to your level of confidence.

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Need some help

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### Independent Study Task 1 KNOWLEDGE CHECK QUESTIONS.



Complete the following questions firstly without your notes and then check using your notes.

Define and give an example of a social norm.	
Who is August Comte?	
What are the conflict perspectives?	
What is meant by the term sociological perspective?	
What is meant by socialisation?	
What does CADGES stand for?	
Define the term sociology.	
What are the four main types of feminism?	
Define and give an example of a social value.	
Define and give an example of a social institution.	

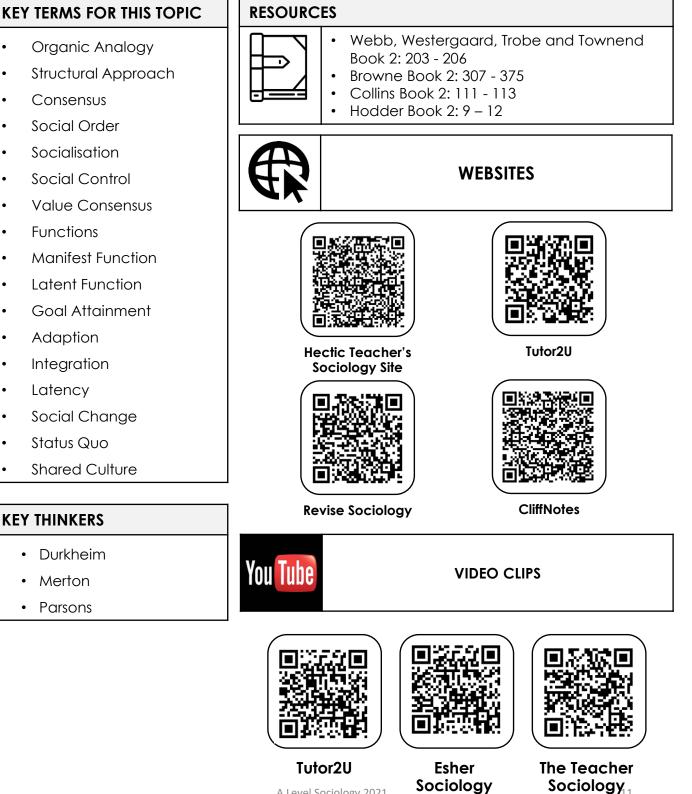
### WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW:

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- The key principals of functionalism
- □ The key thinkers associated with functionalism.
- The internal and external evaluation of functionalism



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	Independent Study Task 1	ask	1			Functionalism	sm
	A consensus theory is one which		What is the Organic Analogy and who used it?	Internal Criticisms of Functionalism		External Criticisms of Functionalism	
	believes that the institutions of society are working together to maintain social cohesion and	Lary	Talcott Parsons Society acts in a similar way to the human body through the way that social institutions	Key Thinker Robert K. Merton	s	<ul> <li>The theory is teleological – a thing</li> </ul>	
	stability.		Interact in the same way as human organs. Three similarities between society and	Three Main Criticisms of Parson's Assumptions	riticisms	<ul> <li>exists because of its function or effect.</li> <li>Contradictory – how</li> </ul>	
	A structural theory is one which looks at how the social		biological organisms.	Indispensability – not all social	al C	can something be both	oth
	institutions influence the running of society and individuals behaviours.	-	<b>System:</b> Society and humans are systems of interconnected and inter-dependent parts which function for the good of the whole.	Institutions are run-montany indispensable and that there are functional alternatives. For example the family are not the only		<ul> <li>dysfunctional</li> <li>Unscientific – impossible</li> <li>to falsify or verify the</li> </ul>	ble
	Value Consensus means that a majority of society agree with	2	System needs: Organisms like the human body have needs that need to be met and so does society. Social institutions have evolved to meet society's needs.	rustriotion that can perform primary socialisation. Functional Unity - Not all social		<ul> <li>theory.</li> <li>Unable to explain</li> </ul>	
A-Le	the goals that society sets to show success.	ю	<b>Functions:</b> Just as the organs of the body function for the good of the whole so do social institutions, which have	institutions are a tightly linked as Parsons suggests. Some institutions are quite far removed form each	vitoaqa	conilici ana change in society. • It is a conservative	<u> </u>
v <del>el S</del>	Anomie means a feeling of		evolved functions which benefit society as a whole.	other. For example the rules of banking and Education.	Per	ideology that tries to maintain the status auo	C
l	normlessness where a person	∠	Two means of maintaining value consensus and social order			Legitimises the position	
<del>ology 2</del> 0	doesn't know what it means to be normal within society.	-	Formal Social Control – Official groups who enforce societies laws, such as CJS and the Police.	-		of the powerful.	
21	What are Social Facts and who is the key thinker?	~	Informal Social Control – Other social groups such as family and peers who keep us in line through	3 for some people they are dysfunctional, for example domestic abuse makes the family during the the concernent of the the domestic abuse makes the family	əvita	Wrong (1961) –     Functionalism is	
Ľ	Durkheim	۱ 	punishment and ostracization.	dystunctional tor its members.		Eunctionalism reifies	
ν c Έ	Social facts are things such as institutions, norms and values which exist external to the individual and constrain the individual.		The Four Basic needs of society	A Manifest Function is the intended function of a social institution.	on Pers	society – treating it as a distinct "thing"	sa
	Durkheim's Ideas of Society	් 	Goal Attainment (Political Function) – Societies set goals and decisions about how power and economic resources are allocated.	An example of a manifest function is the rain dance performed by the			
	Society shapes the Individual It is a top down theory where the institutions of cociety individual the	<	Adaption (Economic Function) – every society has to provide for the needs of its members in order of the	Hopi Indians with the intention of making it rain.	evita	Unable to explain     diversity and instability	llity
	hismonors of society inmostrice inter- behaviour of the individual.		society survive.	A Latent Function is the unintended		<ul> <li>Functionalism is</li> </ul>	
	Social solidarity socialisation and anomie. Social solidarity and cohesion is achieved and	_	Integration (Social Harmony) – specialist institutions develop to reduce conflict in society. For example education and media create sense of belonging.	tunction of a social institution. An example of a latent function is	skn Pers	outdated due to being a meta- narrative	
N 12			Latency: The unstated consequences of actions – there are 2 types of latency: Pattern Maintenance: Maintaining value consensus through socialisation and Tension Management. Opportunities to release tension in a safe	also shown by the Hopi Indians, the ran dance also helps to maintain social solidarity	Poontrood		
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### **NOTE TAKING TASK**

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Durkheim	Parsons	Evaluation
What is meant by a consensus structural approach?	How does society mirror the human body?	What are Merton's three criticisms of Parsons?
How does society shape the individual according to Durkheim?	What are the four basic	What are the logical criticisms of functionalism?
What is meant by Anomie?	needs of society?	How might conflict/critical theorists criticise functionalism?
What are social facts?	What are the ways that society maintains the value consensus and social order?	How would action theories and postmodernism criticise functionalism?



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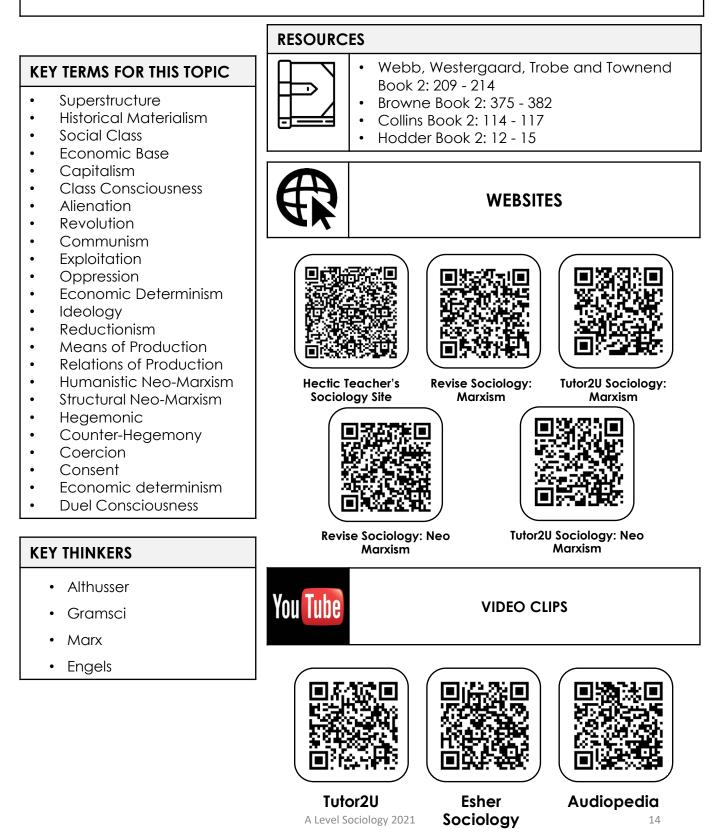
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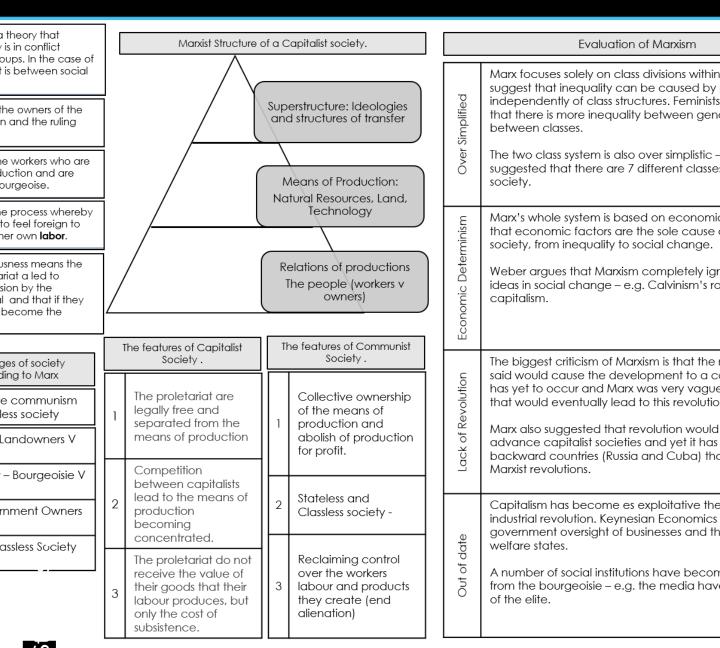
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### Marxism & Neo Marxism

### WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW:

- The key principals of Marxism & Neo-Marxism
- The key thinkers associated with Marxism & Neo-Marxism
- The internal and external evaluation of Marxism & Neo-Marxism







	H	Humanistic Neo-Marxism	Struc	Structural Neo-Marxism		Evaluation of Neo-Marxism
	đ	Gramsci's concept of		State Apparatus		Under - emphasizing the role of coercive
	E-11-A	dominance in society of the ruling class ideology and the acceptance of and consent to by the rest society		Repressive State Apparatus: Armies of Men: Police, CJS, military. Coercion	u	political and economic lorces in notaing back the formation of a counter- hegemonic bloc – for example workers may be unable to form revolutionary
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el Sociology	Coercior 1 other go	Coercion – the use of the army, police and other government agencies to force other classes to accept ruling class ideology.	Political Lev including th into the fal	Political Level – All forms of organisation in including the RSA's which coerce workers into the false class consciousness.	Н	
2021	2 the other	Consent – uses ideas and values to persuade the other classes that ruling class ideology is		Ideological Level – The ways people see themselves and the world. Includina ISA's		
	legitimate. Reasons wh	legitimate. Reasons why Ruling Class hegemony is never	3 which soci	which socialise and manipulate people into FCC		<ul> <li>Replaces economic determinism is replaced by a more complex system.</li> </ul>
		complete	Relative Auton	Relative Autonomy means partial autonomy		Discourages political activism by
	Ruling clo rule they with othe	Ruling class are the minority – to maintain their rule they must create a power bloc (alliances) with other groups such as the middle class.	from the econd political and id reflection of the fact 2 way cau	from the economic level. This means that the political and ideological levels are more than a reflection of the economic level but there is in fact 2 way causality. Economic level dominates	Marxism	suggesting that individuals can do little to change society. • lanores examples of working class
		Duel consciousness – Working class can see throuah the dominant ideoloav to a certain	in capitalism pu functions a ind	in capitalism but the political and ideological functions a indispensable as well.	-oəN	struggles changing society.
	2 extent. The ideas bu	extent. They are influenced by the bourgeoise ideas but also by their material conditions.	Requirements	Requirements for socialism to come about	tural	<ul> <li>Thompson – Althusser is elitist and suggests people follow communist party</li> </ul>
16	Organic Intellectual who organise thems political party who v counter hegemony	Organic Intellectuals are class conscious workers who organise themselves into a revolutionary political party who will help to create the counter hegemony	Counter Hegemon over thrown the cu class.	Counter Hegemony created by the working class to over thrown the cultural hegemony of the ruling class.	Struc	blindly.

Neo Marxism

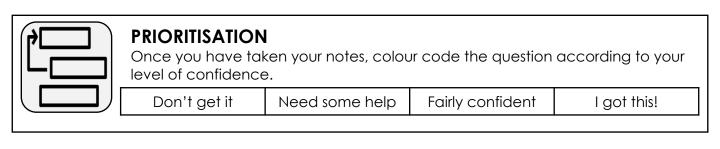
Independent Study Task 2



### NOTE TAKING TASK

To ensure that your notes are complete and cover all the necessary content, you need to make sure that you are answering each of the questions below.

Overview	Marxism	Neo Marxism
What is meant by a structural conflict theory?	What is the superstructure?	How does Humanistic Neo Marxism differ from Traditional Marxism?
	What are the two elements of the economic base and what	According to Gramcsi how does the ruling class maintain their dominance?
What are the 5 stages of	do they mean?	Why is ruling class hegemony
society according to Marx?	How do the ruling class maintain their power in capitalist society?	never complete?
		What are the criticisms of hegemonic Neo-Marxism?
What are the features of a capitalist society?	What does Marx mean by a False Class consciousness?	How does structural Neo Marxism differ from traditional Marxism?
	What is needed to create a truly	
	equal society?	What does Althusser mean by Structural Determinism?
What are the features of Communist society?	What are the criticisms of Marxism?	What are the criticisms of Structural Neo-Marxism?



### Independent Study Task 2 KNOWLEDGE CHECK QUESTIONS.



Complete the following questions firstly without your notes and then check using your notes.

What is meant by the term alienation?	
What are the three successive forms of society?	
Identify 2 criticisms of Marxism	
What is meant by false consciousness?	
What is historical materialism?	
What is the superstructure?	
In what two ways does Marxism differ from Functionalism?	
What is the economic base?	
Which two countries can be used as examples of having Marxist revolutions?	
What terms does Marx use for the Ruling Class?	

### Independent Study Task 2 KNOWLEDGE CHECK QUESTIONS.



Complete the following questions firstly without your notes and then check using your notes.

What does Gramcsi mean by hegemony?	
What are the three levels of determinism?	
Identify 2 ways in which neo Marxism differs from traditional Marxism.	
What are the two types of state apparatus according to Althusser?	
Give two criticisms of structural neo-Marxism.	
What are organic intellectuals?	
According to humanistic neo-Marxism what is required for socialism to occur?	
What is meant by duel consciousness?	
Give two criticisms of humanistic neo-Marxism.	
Outline one of the ways that the ruling class dominance is maintain according to humanistic neo-Marxism.	



### **CONSOLIDATION TASK**

For each of the statements, determine if you agree or not with it (it is a forced choice) and explain why.

Statement	Agree / Disagree	Why
Capitalism is the root cause of social problems.		
Equality is only possible through revolution		
The working class are ignorant of their exploitation.		
Neo-Marxism improves on traditional Marxist theory.		
Marxism is too simplistic to be useful.	A Level Soc	ology 2021 20

### WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW:

- □ The key principals feminism in general
- Outline the key principals of the main forms of feminism;
  - Liberal, Radical, Marxist and Intersectional
- □ The internal and external evaluation of the different types of feminism

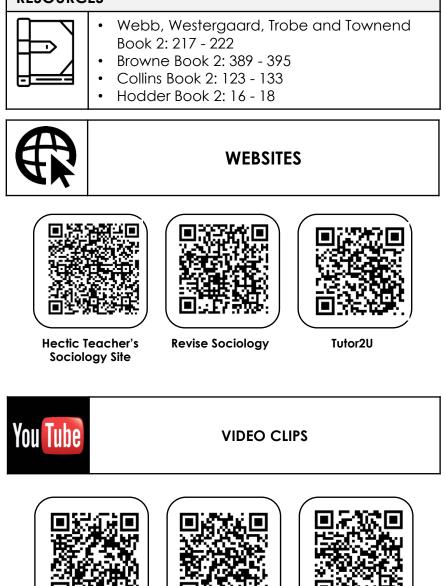
### **KEY TERMS FOR THIS TOPIC**

- Feminisms
- Radical
- Liberal
- Marxist
- Intersectional .
- Malestream
- Patriarchy •
- Dual Burden .
- **Triple Shift**
- Oppression .
- Sex
- Gender
- Political Lesbianism
- Seperatism
- Conciousness-Raising
- **Duel Systems**

#### **KEY THINKERS**

- ٠ Althusser
- Gramsci
- Marx
- Engels ٠

### RESOURCES



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	Feminism in general means he	6	6 Structures of Patriarchy - Walby	Type	Outline	Thinkers	Evaluation
	and political equality of the sexes.	_	The state: govt run by men so policies and laws tend to favour		Believes that equality should be brought about through education and policy	Anne Oakley Sue Sharpe	Overly Optimistic about the amount of progress that has been made.
	Malestream means viewing social phenomena mainstream and usual, from the point of view	2	Violence: Men are able to use their physicality to intimidate women.	ədiJ 1imə7	changes. They try to change the system from within.		Deals with the effects of patriarchy not the causes.
	of the man, without regard to gender.	m	Domestic Labour: Women still complete the majority of domestic		Believe equality can only be achieved through gender	Germaine Greer	Gives other forms of feminism a bad reputation.
	Patriarchy means male dominance over women.	9 4	Idbour even though there is no reason for this. Paid Work: Women earn less then men and they are overwhelmingly	Radic Femin	separation and political lesbianism. Change is brought about through protest and violence.		In this theory gender equality is never full achieved.
I LCV	Three Waves of Feminism	l	in low paid and part time work. Sexuality: The difference in how men and women's sexuality is	w:	Believe that capitalism is the cause of women's oppression and that this oppression helps	Michelé Bartlett	Revolution is required for equality and it hasn't happened vet.
		5	perceived. Women are Sluts, men are players.	sinime	to reinforce capitalism. This is done in three ways:		Patriarchy exists in non-
	bolingenes sinving lor women's votes. Emmeline Pankhurst	\$	<b>Culture</b> : portrayal of women n culture and the media is often in a sexual way or in a way that reinforces women's lower status.	Marxist Fe	Women as reserve work force Creation of the next gen of workers. Cushioning Effect – Zaretsky		capitalist societies. It is men not capitalism that benefit from women's
	1960's		General Features of Feminism				
2	"Private made Political" – Gloria Steinem Binging women's issues into the public sphere such as	-	There are inequalities between men and women based on power and status.	innismal minia	Believes that other feminisms create a false universality of women's oppression, based on the experiences of western, middle class white women.	Judith Butler	Focuses on the minutia of oppression which lessens the impact and power in feminism as a whole.
	abortion, contraception and domestic violence.	5	Inequalities create conflict between men and women.		Different groups of women will experience oppression differently and each of these experiences		
	<b>1990's</b> #HeforShe, #Metoo	e	Gender roles and inequalities are generally socially constructed.	u sua	Combines the ideas of the radical and Marxist feminists,	Heidi Hartman	Patriarchy is not at system in the same way as capitalism instead it is a decrinitive term
m 22	22	4	The importance of the concept of patriarchy: A system of social structures and practices which men dominate, oppress and exploit women.	ətsys Iəud Teminisi	oppressed by two different systems: Capitalism and Patriarchy	Sylvia Walby	for practices such as male violence and control of women's labour.

Feminisms

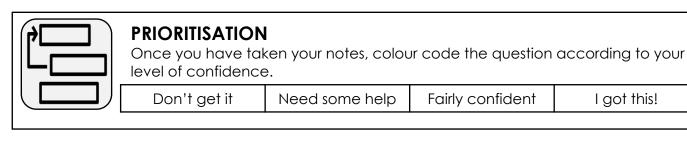
Independent Study Task 3



### **NOTE TAKING TASK**

To ensure that your notes are complete and cover all the necessary content, you need to make sure that you are answering each of the questions below.

Overview	Types of Feminism	Evaluation
What do feminists mean by the following terms: • Patriarchy • Malestream Sociology	How do Liberal feminists believe patriarchy and gender inequality should be over come?	What are the criticisms of the liberal feminist view of patriarchy and society today?
When were the three waves of Feminism and what were	What are the three requirements that need to be met in order for patriarchy to be overcome according to Radical Feminists?	What ways are the radical feminists criticised for their views?
their foci for equality?	According to the Marxists feminists what is the cause of patriarchy and how should it be overcome?	What ways are the Marxists feminist criticised for their views?
What are the general features of feminist ideology?	Which two feminist theories are combined to form Duel systems feminism and how does this see oppression form being overcome?	What are the criticisms of duel systems feminism as a theory?
What are the 6 structures of patriarchy according to Walby?	What are the beliefs of intersectional feminism and how do they believe that patriarchy can be overcome?	Why are intersectional feminists criticised for being too small in their thinking?



I got this!

### Independent Study Task 3 KNOWLEDGE CHECK QUESTIONS.



Complete the following questions firstly without your notes and then check using your notes.

What is meant by malestream sociology?	
What is the difference between sex and gender?	
What is meant by the term patriarchy?	
What is political lesbianism?	
Which form of feminism suggests education and legal reforms are necessary for equality?	
What is intersectional feminism also known as?	
Which two concepts do duel systems feminists see as interconnected in the oppression of women?	
According to radical feminists how will equality be achieved?	
Name 3 ways in which the oppression of women aids capitalism.	
Give two criticisms of feminist views of society.	A Level Sociology 2021 24



### CONSOLIDATION:

Read through the extract and answer the questions that follow.

#### Reclaiming the F Word (2010) Source: Haralambous and Holborn (2013)

In their book "Reclaiming the F Word" Catherine Redfern and Kirsten Aune (2010) Argue that while there has been some progress on the demands of the Second wave feminists from the 1970's, there is still much for the third wave to feminist to achieve before women are fully liberated. They suggest seven areas in which contemporary feminists need to campaign for improvements.

#### 1. Liberated Bodies

In the poorer global South, over 500,00 women die each year in pregnancy and childbirth. The lack of health care provision in some places means that women are suffering from rising HIV. Furthermore, there is a very strong pressure on women to conform to beauty ideals promoted in the media.

#### 2. Sexual Freedom and Choice

Cultural practices and inequalities in power continue to limit women's sexual freedom. Furthermore, sexual double standards in which female promiscuity is condemned much more than male promiscuity continue. They also believe that there continues to be significant discrimination against LGBTQ+ people.

#### 3. An end to violence against women

Redfern and Aune provide ample evidence that violence against women continues to be commonplace. In the UK, Home Office estimates suggest that 21% of girls experience some form of sexual abuse as children, while 23% of adult women are sexually assaulted in their lifetime. About one in 20 women, according to the Home Office figures, are likely to be raped in he UK during their lives.

#### 4. Equality at work and at home

While there have been gains for women in the workplace, women are still significantly disadvantaged both in the UK and elsewhere. They argue that women still experience a glass ceiling, finding it hard to be promoted to the top positions in any sphere. As evidence, they quote an example showing that only about one in 11 of the directors of the UK's top companies are women. There are also still significant differences in the amounts of unpaid housework and caring done by men and women.

#### 5. Politics and Religion transformed.

Women are underrepresented in parliaments and in senior political positions in nearly all countries. As of October 2019, the global participation rate of **women** in national-level parliaments is 24.5%. In 2013,women accounted for 8% of all national leaders and 2% of all presidential posts. Redfern and Aune also highlight the lack of power women have in many religions.

#### 6. Popular culture free from sexism

Redfern and Aune identify many way in which popular culture can be seen as sexist: they report that in 2008, of the 64 band members in the indie chart top 30 only four were women. They discuss "the highlight sexist content of song lyrics" citing Robin Thicke's blurred lines as and extreme example of misogyny and sexualisation.

#### 7. Feminism reclaimed (Redfern and Aune, 2010)

Redfern and Aune finally demand that feminism is reclaimed. They argue that using the "F-Word" (feminism) should no longer be taboo and any negative connotations it has taken on for young women should be challenged and rejected.

#### QUESTIONS

- Which of the different types of feminism would be most closely aligned with each of Redfern and Aune's demands? Explain your answer.
- 2. Rank each of the demands in order of what you think is the most important / urgent to the least important / urgent and explain your reasoning.
- 3. Redfern and Aune's study was published in 2010, to what extent do you think the issues they have raised are still relevant today?

### **INTERACTIONISM / SOCIAL ACTION THEORIES**

### WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW:

- The key principals Social Action Theory, Symbolic Interactionism, Phenomenology and Ethnomethodology
- □ The key thinkers associated with Social Action Theory, Symbolic Interactionism, Phenomenology and Ethnomethodology
- The internal and external evaluation of Social Action Theory, Symbolic Interactionism, Phenomenology and Ethnomethodology

#### **KEY TERMS FOR THIS TOPIC**

- Instrumental Action
- Value Rational Action
- Traditional Action
- Affectual Action
- Subjectivity
- Cause
- Meaning
- Micro approach
- Interaction
- Protestant Ethic
- Individualistic
- Verstehen
- **Symbols**
- Instinct
- Roles
- Labelling Theory
- Looking Glass Self
- Dramaturgical
- Impression Management
- Front Stage & Back Stage

• Husserl

Schutz

Berger &

Garfinkle

Parsons

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- Role Distance
- Phenomenon
- Meaning
- Typification
- **Common Sense**
- Indexicality
- Reflexivity
- Intersubjective

#### **KEY THINKERS**

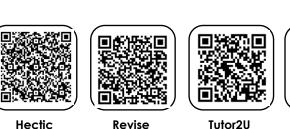
- Mead
- Blumer
- Thomas
- Cooley
- Lemert
- Goffman
- Reynolds
- Weber

### RESOURCES

Webb, Westergaard, Trobe and Townend Book 2: 217 - 222

WEBSITES

- Browne Book 2: 389 395
- Collins Book 2: 123 133
- Hodder Book 2: 16 18



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	Independent Study Task 4	Stud	dy Task 4		Social Action Theory	
	5 Features of Social Action	-			4 Types of Action	
	Social structures area	, p		_	<b>Instrumental Rational Action:</b> Social actors works out the most efficient way to achieve a goal.	
	created by individuals.	als.	Micro Approach means that the sociologists are		E.g. the most efficient way to make profit is to pay low wages.	
	1 Not a separate entity above them.		looking at the individuals in society and how they shape the world around them	2	Value Rational Action: Action towards a goal that seen as desirable for its own sake. E.G. Believing in God and completing rituals in order to reach salvation.	
	Voluntarism, free will		Verstehen means empathy. To fully understand social arouns vou have to be able to "walk in	e	<b>Traditional Action:</b> Routine, customary or habitual actions that are done without thought or choice; more like "we have always don this"	
	and choice of people to do things and form their own identities rather than beind	<u></u>	their shoes'	4	Affectual Action: Action that expresses emotion. Weber saw this as important in religious and political movements with charismatic leaders who attract followers based on emotional appeal.	
			Summary of Social Action Theory		E.g. weeping with grief or violence caused by anger.	
			Weber believed that in order to fully understand		Evaluation of Weber	_
		ill cus	society you need to use a combination of both structural and action approaches.	Z.	Weber's view of action is to individualistic and doesn't explained	
	groups rather than by large scale trends.		Example: The Protestant Work Ethic	.ny⊃s	shared nature of meanings. For example a student raising their hand in class, THEY mean they have a question or answer, but	
	1		<b>Structural cause</b> : Protestant reformation, introduced an new belief system – Calvinism. This changed peoples worldview and therefore their behaviour.	, bə11A	Weber doesn't explain how the teacher and other students also know what is meant by this gesture.	
ı	<ul> <li>Behaviours is driven by beliefs, meanings and feelings people give to the situation they are in, or the way they see things.</li> </ul>	by e to e in,	<b>Subjective Meaning:</b> work took on a religious meaning, glorifying God through labour and aestheticism. Making them the first modern capitalists.	Application	It is difficult to apply these ideas as meaning can be misinterpreted or reinterpreted by different individuals. E.g. The Trobriand Islanders exchange gifts called 'Kula' with neighbouring islands. This could be seen as either a traditional action as it has been done for generations or it could be seen as an instrumental rational action because it cements	
			2 levels of sociological explanation			
	The use of interpretivist methodology in order to uncover the meanings and	vist ler	Cause: explaining the structural factors that       1     shape peoples behaviour.	rstehen	II is never possible to truly put yourselt into the shoes of another person, therefore we cannot really know or understand their motives.	
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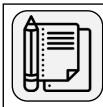
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Key Thinkers	Taking on the role of the other	Labe	Labelling Theory		Dramaturgical Model	Model
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Herbert Blumer	Taking on the role of others means putting oneself in the place of the other person and seeing ourselves as they see us.	Dependent of the second model of the second model of the second consequences. The student as troub the second model at the second model of the sec	people label situations, events and people label situations, events and people which can have real world consequences. For example a teacher labels a student as troublesome and will therefore act differently towards that student.	$d = \frac{d}{d}$	Front Stage Self – The act we put on for other people. The front stage is where we spend most of our lives. Back Stage – The private place where we can truly be ourselves and prepare to return to the front	e act we put on e front stage is ost of our lives. ivate place be ourselves im to the front
Cooley Cooley Cooley Goffman Symbol Versus Instinct	How do we take on the role of the other? Through the process of social interaction. Firstly as young children through imitative play where we start to see ourselves as our significant others see us. Then we start to see ourselves as the	Ecooley - the way that         0 <td><b>Cooley -</b> the way that we develop our self-concept. "I am not who I think I am, I am not who you think I am." Self Fulfilling Prophesy - we become what others see us as.</td> <td>lubression P</td> <td>The use of language, gestures, body language and props to help us pass for the type of person that we want the audience to see. This process requires us to constantly read the audiences responses to us and adjust our performance accordingly.</td> <td>gestures, body to help us pass This process ntly read the to us and adjust cordingly.</td>	<b>Cooley -</b> the way that we develop our self-concept. "I am not who I think I am, I am not who you think I am." Self Fulfilling Prophesy - we become what others see us as.	lubression P	The use of language, gestures, body language and props to help us pass for the type of person that we want the audience to see. This process requires us to constantly read the audiences responses to us and adjust our performance accordingly.	gestures, body to help us pass This process ntly read the to us and adjust cordingly.
Instituct means responding to stimulus in an automatic, pre- programmed way.	Muer community ac - Generalised Other Key Principals of Symbolic Interactionism Thinker: Herbert Blumer	Becker and labelling, fro label being or rejection Ca labelled, to status.	<b>Becker and Lemert –</b> the process of labelling, from identification, to the label being attached, acceptance or rejection of the label by the labelled, to the creation of a master status.	rss of the ance naster	There is a gap between who we really are and the roles we play - 'role distance'. Roles are loosely scripted by society so we have the freedom to choose	een who we oles we play - ipted by society :dom to choose
Symbol means the words, objects, expressions and	Our actions are based on the	Each stage has its ov problems and issues.	Each stage has its own set of problems and issues.			
gestures that an individual attaches meaning to.	situations, events and people.			Evaluation	-	
For example: the shaking of a		1	2	3	4	5
Interpretive Phase means the process between experiencing the stimulus and reacting to it, where the stituction is interpreted in order	These meanings are based on theInteractions we haveexperienced and are not fixedbut are negotiable and fluid tosome extent.	Ethnomethodology argues that athough it is correct to focus on interactions. Symbolic Interactions to the	Not all action is meaningful, especially Weber's idea of traditional actions which	Fails to explain the origin of labels or the consistent patterns that we see in	in It is more a loose group of descriptive concepts than an explanatory	Dramaturgical analogy has its limitation as everyone plays both roles of actor and
to choose the appropriate response.	The meanings we give to situations are the result of interpretive procedures we use such as taking on the role of others.	actors create the meanings.	may hold little meaning for the actor.	peoples behaviour.	theory.	audience and interactions are often improvised and unrehearsed.

**Symbolic Interactionism** 

Independent Study Task 4

Independent Study Task 4	Pheno	menology & Eth	Phenomenology & Ethnomethodology
Phenomenology		Ethnomethodology	
Edmund Hussert: The world only makes sense because we impose meaning and order on it. We construct mental categories to classify and file information that we experience through our senses. Therefore the world as we know it is a product of the individual mind.	Harold Garfinkel – is interes Unlike interactionists who a meanings; he is interested i sense knowledge and the meanings in the first place.	<b>Harold Garfinkel –</b> is interested in how social order is maintained. Unlike interactionists who are interested in the effects of the meanings; he is interested in how people construct the common sense knowledge and the rules and processes we use to produce the meanings in the first place.	I order is maintained. The effects of the Distruct the common ses we use to produce the
Altred Schutz: developed Husserls ideas and applied it to the social world. He states that the categories and concepts we use to construct our mental categories are not unique to ourselves but we in fact share these with other people which is how we are able to live in community and social groups.	Social order is created from The members of society creating and applying common sense knowledge to their everyday lives.		Ethnomethodology studies The process of creating the meanings by which we make sense of the world and the rules and methods used to create the meanings. <b>Reflexicality means</b> the use of
<b>Typificiations means</b> The shared categories that that help us to organise the experiences and world around us. Typificiations help to stabilise and clarify meanings by ensuring that we are all speaking the same language and agree on the meaning of things.	fixed meaning; everything is dependent on context.		common sense knowledge to interpret everyday situations to construct a sense of meaning and order.
		Breaching Experiments	
<ul> <li>Life World means the stock of shared typificiations or what many consider</li> <li>common sense knowledge. It includes common assumptions about the way</li> <li>things are and what certain situations mean.</li> </ul>	What are they	What is their purpose?	What did Gartinkel conclude?
21	Garfinkle got his students to either act as lodgers	Experiments which aim to disrupt peoples sense	By challenging the taken for granted assumptions
<b>Recipe Knowledge means</b> the ability to interpret a situation, action or motivation without really thinking about it. For example we know that a red light means stop and this knowledge means that we are able to drive safely.	in their own home (overly polite, avoiding getting personal) or the haggled over the price of groceries at the	of order and challenge their reflexivity by undermining assumptions about a situation.	he was able to show that the orderliness of everyday situations is not fixed but an accomplishment of
Natural Attitude means the belief that society is a real objective thing that exists outside of use. However Schutz suggests that this is a false belief as it merely demonstrates how people how the same shared meanings which allow	supermarket.		"participant produced"
us to cooperate and achieve mutual goals.	EVALUATION: Carib Einclines of the breacching a	EVALUATION: Carib Enclinae of the breaching experiments were trivial as Ethnomethodologiets spend	anomethodologists snand
<b>EVALUATION: Berger and Luckman</b> Agree that it is right to focus on the common sense knowledge they disagree with the idea that reality is an inter-subjective reality but instead that once the shared meanings have been created, society becomes an external reality that reflects aback on us . For example Religion starts as a set of ideas but becomes powerful structures of society which can constrain us.	a lot of time uncovering " anyone. EM denies the exis "shared Fiction" but functio fiction but a social fact. Marxists would argue that t ruling class ideology and th not the individual.	a lot of time uncovering "taken for grated rules" which are of no surprise to anyone. EM denies the existence of wider society suggesting instead that it is a "shared Fiction" but functionalists would argue that norms and values are not fiction but a social fact. Marxists would argue that the "shred common sense knowledge" is in fact the ruling class ideology and the order that it creates serves the interests of capitalism not the individual.	esting instead and it is a esting instead that it is a ms and values are not nowledge" is in fact the s the interests of capitalism



### **NOTE TAKING TASK**

To ensure that your notes are complete and cover all the necessary content, you need to make sure that you are answering each of the questions below.

Social Action Theory	Symbolic Interactionism	Phenomenology & Ethnomethodology
What are the five features of social action theories?	What is the difference between a symbol and instinct?	How does Husserl suggest people make sense of the world around them?
What is meant by Verstehen?	What are the three features of Symbolic Interactionism according to Blumer?	How did Schultz develop Husserl's explanation?
	What does GH Mead mean by taking on the role of others?	What is meant by a Typifications and the life world?
What are the two levels of sociological explanation and how does this differ from structural approaches?	What is labelling theory according to WI Thomas and how does this impact behaviour?	What is ethnomethodology?
What are the four types of action which provide the meanings behind social behaviour?	What does Cooley mean by the looking glass self?	How is social order created and maintained according to Garfinkle and what is indexicality and reflexicality?
	What are the three parts of Goffman's Dramaturgical model?	Outline the breaching experiments carried out by Garfinkle and their findings?
What are the criticisms of Social Action Theory?	What are the criticisms of symbolic Interactionism?	What are the criticisms of phenomenology and Ethnomethodology?



### PRIORITISATION

Once you have taken your notes, colour code the question according to your level of confidence.

Don't get it

Need some help Fairly confident

I got this!

### Independent Study Task 4 KNOWLEDGE CHECK QUESTIONS.



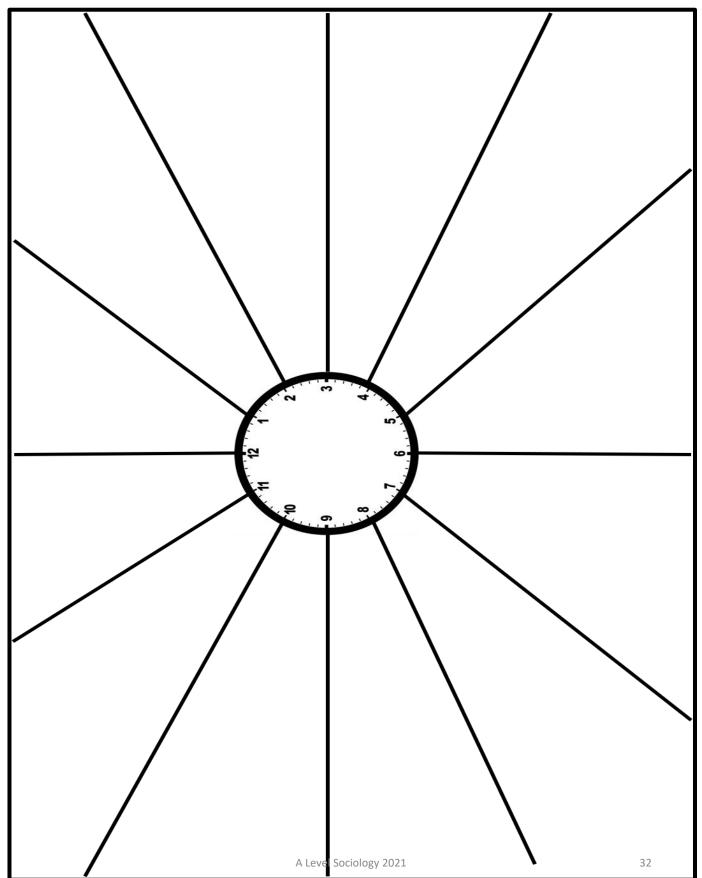
Complete the following questions firstly without your notes and then check using your notes.

Which sociologist is associated with the social action theory?	
What is meant by the term Verstehen?	
What are the 4 Interactionist theories?	
What are the 4 types of action identified by Weber?	
According to Mead, what is a symbol?	
What are the two key concepts of dramaturgology?	
Where does our concept of self come from according to Cooley?	
What is meant by the term typifications?	
What type of experiment did Garfinkle use to test for Indexicality?	
What type of research methods would social action theorists utilise?	A Level Sociology 2021



### **CONSOLIDATION TASK**

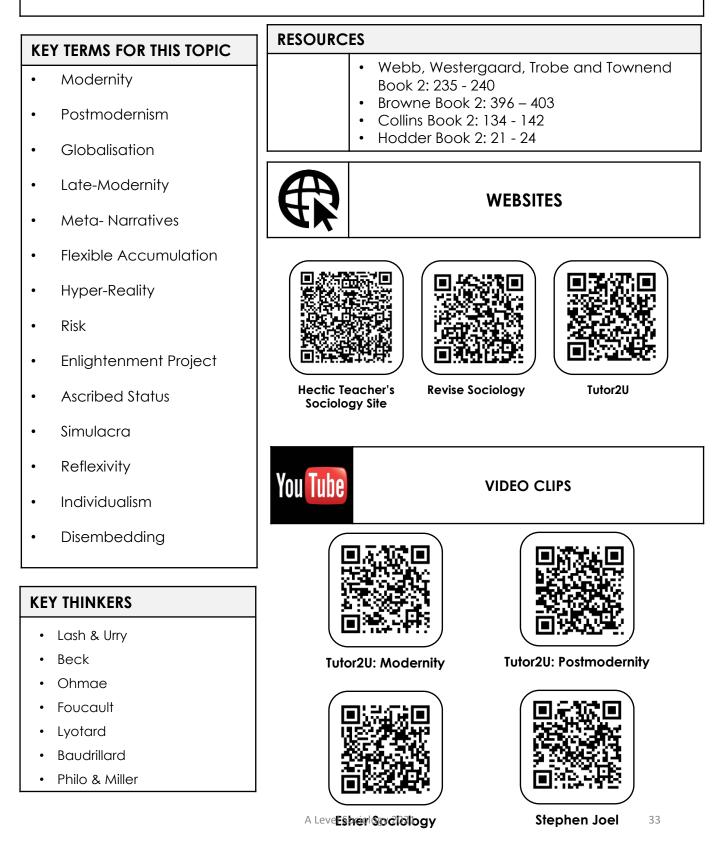
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### Independent Study Task 5

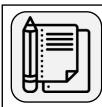
### WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW:

- The key principals Modernity, Late Modernity and Postmodernism
- The key thinkers associated with Modernity, Late Modernity and Postmodernism
- The evaluation of Modernity, Late Modernity and Postmodernism



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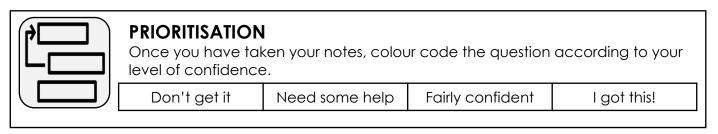
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### **NOTE TAKING TASK**

To ensure that your notes are complete and cover all the necessary content, you need to make sure that you are answering each of the questions below.

Modernity	Late Modernity	Post Modernity
What are the four characteristics of Modern Society?	What are the two features of Late modern society according to Giddens?	What are the characteristics of a Postmodern society?
	In what ways has modernity continued in late modern	What does Baudrillard mean by hyper reality and Simulacra?
Why do sociologists not contest the view we are in a modern	society? And what has changed?	What does Lyotard mean by
society?	What does Beck Mean by living in a Risk society and people becoming risk conscious?	language games?
		What is meant by the breakdown of metanarratives
What is globalisation and the		and holding a relativist position?
four changes in society linked to it?	What are the arguments for and against society having moved to Late modern stage?	What are the arguments for and against society having moved to a postmodern state?



### Independent Study Task 5 KNOWLEDGE CHECK QUESTIONS.



Complete the following questions firstly without your notes and then check using your notes.

What is meant by Simulacra?	
Name three Postmodernist thinkers.	
What are the 4 interrelated changes that have occurred to create globalised world?	
What are the four elements of a modern state?	
What is meant by hyper- reality?	
How does Philo and Miller criticise postmodernism?	
What does Beck mean by Risk society?	
According to Giddens what are the two features of modernity?	
What is meant by risk consciousness?	
How does Hirst criticise theories of late modernity?	

### **CONSOLIDATION TASK**

Colour in the opinion web to show how far you agree with each of statements. Start in the middle and work outwards. The more of the web you colour in the more you agree. Remember to explain your points.

