



# Teaching Pack for A Level AQA Sociology

## Paper 2: Culture and Identity

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# Teacher's Introduction

This is a teaching pack resource to cover the 3.2.2.1 and 4.2.1 *Culture and Identity* AS and A Level AQA component. It is designed to provide you, as a teacher, with a comprehensive resource to teach the component, as well as offer the information and course content that students will need to know to complete the exam. The resource is written specifically for the Culture and Identity component, but the content and activities are designed to support the development of wider key sociological skills and understanding.

## Remember!

Always check the exam board website for new information, including changes to the specification and sample assessment material.

## Teaching arrangements

This pack contains the following materials:

1. A two-page outline scheme of work  
*This is useful when planning and time managing, as well as to understand the movement of the resource in relation to the specification.*
2. Twenty-four lesson plans  
*I have, in general, included a variety of activities, especially plenaries. It is not intended that teachers will cover all of these in a lesson. Rather, they can select the activities which they feel are best suited to their classes or personal teaching style. Most lessons include sufficient material to spread over several lessons, should the teacher wish.*

Underlining is used in the resource to indicate sociologists who are named in the AQA specification.

*Lessons 1 and 2 provide an introduction to the key terms required at A Level in case this is the first unit students have studied at A Level. If students have already studied another topic (e.g. Education) they can be used to recap, consolidate and develop learning. Throughout the pack I have, in line with recent educational research, tried to include plenty of opportunity for exam practice, as well as activities tailored to then engage students with the feedback process. The lessons collectively cover the specification while also developing students' examination skills through scaffolded activities and peer-marking opportunities. Question practice, writing frames, mark schemes and feedback for both AS and A Level paper formats are provided for the teacher to choose from as appropriate. I have also included a variety of revision resources and activities which should provide students with study skills transferable across the Sociology course and, indeed, into many other subjects.*

3. Handouts  
*The handouts are designed as a photocopiable resource to provide students with all of the knowledge required for the specification at AS or A Level. In places, knowledge going beyond the syllabus has been included, particularly when it might link to other core units such as Education, Methods or Theory. Handouts can also be used by you, the teacher, to get an overview of the key knowledge required. They can, of course, be employed alongside other resources, and many of the activities are easily tailored to use a textbook with the notes as additional, reinforcement material.*

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## Suggested Outline Scheme of

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Lesson plan	Title	Content
1	Key concepts involved in the study of culture and identity	Key concepts involved in the study of culture and identity, including norms, values, role and status
2	An introduction to sociological perspectives	Functionalism, Marxism, interactionism, feminism, the New Right, postmodernism. How to answer 10-mark exam questions.
3	Different conceptions of culture (i)	Dominant culture, subcultures, subcultures of resistance. How to answer 10-mark questions.
4	Different conceptions of culture (ii)	Folk culture, high culture, popular culture, low culture and global culture
5	Different sociologists' views of the role of culture in society	Functionalist, Marxist, neo-Marxist, interactionist, feminist and postmodernist views on the role of culture in society
6	Exam practice	Exam practice and feedback on work so far
7	The socialisation process	Primary and secondary socialisation, roles, status, values and norms, resocialisation, social construction. Agencies of socialisation including the family, education, peer group, the media and religion.
8	Different sociological perspectives on socialisation	Functionalist, Marxist, feminist, and interactionist approaches to socialisation and the relative importance of different agencies of socialisation
9	The self and identity	Identity, self, master status, primary and secondary identities, social identity, collective identity, multiple identities, stigmatised and spoiled identities
10	Exam practice	Exam practice and feedback on work so far
11	Identity and social class	Social class, 'class habitus' and upper-middle- and working-class subcultures and identities. The concept of the underclass, and the changing importance of class in forming identities.
12	Identity and gender (i)	The difference between sex and gender, gender stereotyping and hegemonic gender identities in Britain

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Lesson plan	Title	Content
13	Identity and gender (ii)	The role of socialisation in constructing gender identities through the family, peer group, education and the media. Changing male and female gender identities.
14	Identity and sexuality	Hegemonic sexual identity and gay and lesbian sexual identities
15	Identity and ethnicity	The concept of ethnicity and changing ethnic identities in the age of diaspora and globalisation. Ethnic identities in Britain, including white, African-Caribbean and Asian identities. Ethnic subcultures of resistance and stigmatised identities.
16	Identity and nationality	Nationalism, British identity and the questionable significance of this in the age of globalisation
17	Identity and disability	Stereotyping of disability and disability as a spoiled or stigmatised identity and master status
18	Identity and age	Ageing, ageism and old age as a spoiled identity. The young, youth subcultures and bricolage. Functionalist, Marxist, feminist and postmodernist interpretations of youth subculture.
19	Revision of learning	
20	Exam practice	
21	The significance of production as a source of identity	Occupation and unemployment as sources of identity. The extent to which employment continues to be a source of identity.
22	The significance of consumption as a source of identity	The role of consumption as a source of identity, including tourism, the media and retail. Postmodernist interpretations and the extent of freedom of choice of identity.
23	The significance and challenge of globalisation to identity	The impact of globalisation on culture, including hybrid identities, the decline of nationalism, effect on youth cultures, etc.
24	Exam practice	Final exam practice on work on culture and identity

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# Lesson plan 1: Key concepts involved in culture and identity

## Lesson learning aims

To introduce or recap and develop:

- ✓ In overview, the key terms involved in the study of culture and identity



## You will

- ☐ Lesson
- ☐ Text
- ☐ Lesson
- ☐ Lesson

## Starter

### New terminology:

Get students to write a definition of sociology (this can be skipped if students have already studied education).

- Get students to write a definition of sociology without using textbooks
- Get students in pairs to combine the definitions into a better definition
- Pairs now regroup into fours and combine their paired definitions into a single definition
- Compare this with the definition on the handout and discuss/explain

## Main

### Teacher talks:

Explain that students are going to develop an initial understanding of the terms involved in the study of sociology and that these can initially be quite confusing. If this is the students' first unit, it is worth pointing out that they will become more familiar with them over the AS and A Level course.

### Handouts:

Give out the concept map handout. Students use this to make a 'concept map' where they combine key terms, define them if necessary and interlink them. They will introduce the terms ready for future study.

They should put the term 'sociology' in the middle of the sheet. If they know what the term means, they move on to the next term. If they are not confident, they write a definition and write it under the term. They can do this by looking at the notes handout, or asking a colleague. They then add on the next term, and link it to the first term with a line to another term that it is related to. The explanation of the links on the lines should be explained.

They continue like this, building up a diagram and making conceptual links. Each term can only be linked to a maximum of, say, five others to prevent it becoming too complex. Diagrams can become quite messy, but it's the process that counts.

Students can then feed back on the diagram by recreating it on the board, explaining it and the term it links to, and then passes the pen to another student.

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Students could carry out a '**memory board**'. Five or ten of the terms are given to students to memorise and then wiped off. Students have to then write the definition.

**Twenty questions:** One student is given a term from the concept map and asks a question them to work out what it is. Alternatively, a term is written on the board facing the class. The student then has to question the rest of the class to find out what it is.

**Snowball:** Each student writes a key term on a piece of paper. They then pass it to another student, who writes on the definition. Repeat as many times as possible.

**Board race:** Two groups are given different-colour board pens. They race to write terms onto a joint concept map on the board by linking them to others. The group that is already on the board is already there. Whichever team gets the most terms is the winner.

Students revise using the revision cards.

**Knowledge test:** This is to be completed individually or as a class.

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## Key terms relating to culture and identity

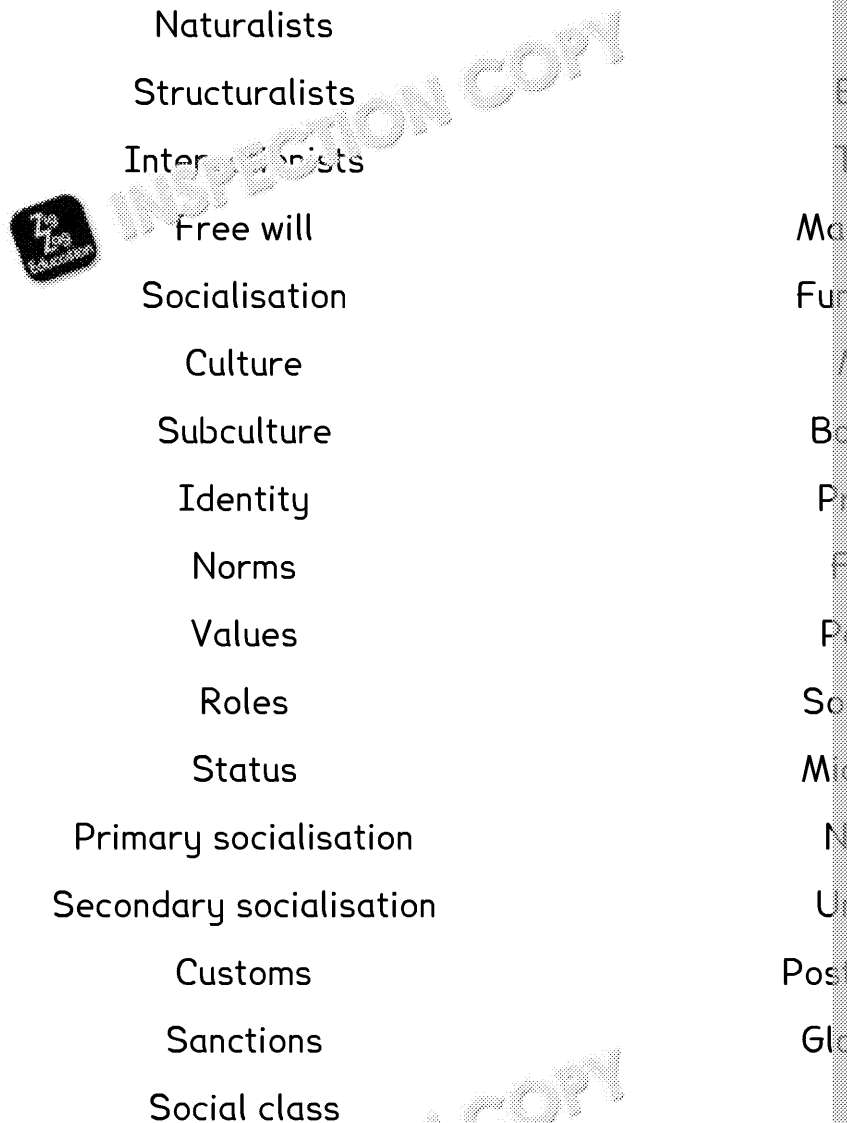
- **Sociology** is the study of human society and behaviour.
- **Naturalists** see behaviour as based on genetics and natural characteristics. Sociologists tend to disagree with this approach on the basis that it would preclude the influence of cultures. This is not the case, and sociologists are interested in explaining differences between cultures.
- **Structuralists** see people as almost completely moulded by the structures of society (e.g. class, etc.) and as having little free choice.
- **Interactionists** (also known as **social action theorists**), by contrast, emphasise that people are free to choose their identity independent of society's structures.
- **Culture** is the way of life of a society (including language, beliefs, customs, etc.). It changes from place to place, and also over time. There are many different cultures within a culture.
- **Identity** is the way we see and define ourselves, and how others see us.
- **Socialisation** is the lifelong process which passes culture on from one generation to the next.
- **Primary socialisation** is the first stage of socialisation, beginning in early childhood and is conducted by the family.
- **Secondary socialisation** is a later, second stage of socialisation when schools, the media and work become significant.
- We play different **roles** in society. For instance, you may be a mother, a teacher, etc. Different roles have different expected patterns of behaviour, which are attached to particular roles or positions.
- **Values** are guidelines and beliefs about what is right and wrong, good and bad. For instance, in Britain and the West values focus on freedom, individualism, etc.
- **Norms** are values put into action. They are socially conditioned ways of behaving, e.g. queuing.
- **Customs** are norms that have endured over time for long enough to be considered as part of a culture. Norms and customs all also vary between cultures and over time and space.
- **Sanctions** are methods, both rewards and punishments, that are used to encourage people to stick to norms and values. They may be positive (**prizes, gifts, kindness**, etc.) or negative (**arrests, mocking, fines, imprisonment**, etc.).
- **Social divisions** are differences between different groups in society.
  1. **Class** is a group defined by a **similar economic situation**. Sociologists emphasise its importance and identify the upper class (**aristocracy**), middle class (**bourgeoisie**) and working class (**proletariat**).
  2. **Ethnicity** is the common culture of a social group which comes from a common background and makes the group different from other social groups and is not necessarily related to race.
  3. **Gender** is the **socially created differences in identity between men and women**, different from sex differences, which are biological, varies between cultures and is learned by socialisation, especially primary socialisation.
  4. Other relevant social divisions include **nationality, sexuality**, etc.

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## Concept Map

- Write 'Sociology' in the middle of your sheet.
- Next add terms onto the diagram, linking them together when they **be linked to at least one other**, although you may be able to link it to more than one.
- If you know what the term means, just add it on.
- If you don't know what the term means, **look it up in the handout** and add it on with an explanation of what it means underneath.



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## Different sociological theories/perspectives

There are many different **theories** or **perspectives** (ways of looking at the world). The major debate between structuralists and interpretivists over how far individuals shape their own identity.

**Structuralism** refers to perspectives which suggest that people are shaped by their social structure or class. It is a **macro** approach, focusing on society as a whole, and how individuals are manipulated by education, the media, etc., and includes **functionalism**.

**Social action / interactionism** covers theories that suggest that individuals shape their own identities and can even affect the structures of society.

No one theory dominates sociology and all have different perspectives on the world.

### Functionalism



**Functionalism** was one of the earliest sociological theories, developed by the French sociologist **Durkheim** and developed by the American Talcott **Parsons**. It sees institutions such as the family, schools, the media, religion, etc., as a positive thing for society so that it could function properly. It argues that socialisation enabled different parts of society to act together as a body, which must link to maintain health (the 'organic' analogy).

### Marxism

**Marxism** is a political philosophy as well as a sociological theory, formed by the German philosopher Karl **Marx**. Marxists agree with functionalists that people are shaped by their social structure, but see it as a **negative** thing, with the ruling and middle-class bosses (the bourgeoisie) using socialisation to control the workers (proletariat).

### Feminism

**Feminism**, like Marxism, sees socialisation as removing choices and controlling individuals. It is a structuralist, although it sees the oppressed and controlled group as women (workers). Feminists, therefore, see society as a **patriarchy** (dominated by men). Feminism is often seen as French thinker Simone **de Beauvoir**.



### Social action / interactionism

**Social action / interactionism** opposes all structuralist theories. It was developed by the German sociologist Max **Weber**. **Weber** claimed that individuals shape their identities irrespective of their class or gender. They observe individuals in their relationships closely rather than looking at society as a whole. It is a micro approach, contrasting with functionalism, Marxism and feminism, which all generalise about society.

### The New Right

The New Right, also known as neoconservatives or neocons, followed a policy of conservatism in the 1970s. They have been very influential on British and American politics for many years and are very supportive of capitalism. The New Right believe that the welfare state is a criminal and lazy 'underclass' and that the solution is to cut benefits, increase taxes and promote free-market economics.

### Postmodernism

**Postmodernism** (also known as **pluralism**) argues that society is incredibly complex and diverse in the 21st century due to multiculturalism, globalisation and the mass media. As a result, it argues that theories like Marxism and feminism are too simplistic. **Lyotard** argues that individuals now have a huge amount of choice so that they can shape their own identities.

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## Knowledge test

1. What is the term for the study of human behaviour and interaction?
2. What is socialisation?
3. What is the key term for how we see and define ourselves, and others?
4. What are norms?
5. What is the key term we use for the first, early stage of learning? What role does the family is responsible?
6. What is culture?
7. What is the key term we use for a group of individuals in a similar situation?
8. What is naturalism?
9. What is the key term we use for the belief that people are pre-disposed by society?
10. What is feminism?

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## Lesson 1 Answers

### Test answers

1. What is the key term for the study of human behaviour and interactions? **Sociology**
2. What is socialisation? **The lifelong process which passes culture on from one generation to the next**
3. What is the key term for how we see and define ourselves, and how others see us? **Identity**
4. What are norms? **Socially acceptable ways of behaving**
5. What is the key term we use for the first, early stage of learning how to behave? **Primary socialisation**
6. What is culture? **A way of life (made up of language, beliefs, values, norms, dress, etc.)**
7. What is the key term we use for a group of individuals in a similar economic situation? **Class**
8. What is naturalism? **The belief that behaviour is natural and based on innate characteristics**
9. What is the key term we use for the belief that people are products who are shaped by their environment? **Structuralism**
10. What is feminism? **A theory that sees society as patriarchal (men dominate women)**



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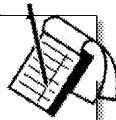


## Lesson plan 2: An introduction to different social

### Lesson learning aims

To understand:

- ✓ Different sociological perspectives
- ✓ How these perspectives might corroborate or conflict with each other
- ✓ The technique for 6-mark questions



### You will

- ☐ Lesson
- ☐ Lesson
- ☐ Lesson
- ☐ Lesson
- ☐ Revision
- ☐ Tracking

### Starter

#### Memory

Write the names of the various perspectives on the board for students to erase/move the board. Students must write the names of the perspective explanation of their interpretation. Once they have done this they should sociologist associated with each particular theory.

### Main

#### Teacher talks:

Recap the basic concept of different theories or perspectives. There is an optical illusions, such as the young lady / old lady image, that you could use with students to demonstrate the idea of different perspectives.

#### Handouts:

Give out the theory table handout. Talk through the categories and the correct entries for functionalism. Students are then given a theory to research and fill in. They can do this either from textbooks or from the handout.

The students then share the information. They could do this either through presenting the theory to the class or through 'jigsawing' – students regroup in class members who have researched each of the other theories and share

### Plenary

Show students the 6-mark AS question and get them to discuss how the

Give students the writing frame and fill it in as a class or individually.

Students write the answer for homework.

Students prepare to mark the answers next lesson with the mark scheme

Students should add their marks (and all future marks) to the tracking sheet their mark in the row for the appropriate grade, and put their feedback for bottom. They can then watch their progress and improvement over the course when they write future answers. The spellings box is for students to write

Students can make revision cards on the different theories. Then put different Durkheim, functional prerequisites, value consensus, bourgeoisie, sex of free will, de Beauvoir, micro approach, multiculturalism) and students to that it relates to.

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Theory = a different interpretation or perspective on sociology. A perspective is a different way of looking at something.

Theory	Functionalism	Marxism	Neo-Marxism
Explanation	Systems such as education, media, religion, etc. work together to benefit society. Socialisation enables everyone to work harmoniously.		
Key individuals	Émile Durkheim Talcott Parsons		
Examples	The individual is like a puppet, or like jelly, manipulated or moulded by society.		
	Collective conscience		

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Theory = a different interpretation or perspective on sociology. A perspective is a different way of looking at something.

Theory	Interactionism	Feminism	Postmodernism
Explanation			
Key individuals			
Examples			

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# Different sociological theories or perspectives

There are many different **perspectives** in sociology. A perspective is a way of looking at something. For instance, people may view the same scene from different angles.

## Functionalism



### Definition

Functionalists see society as made up of different structures (schools, education, media, family, etc.) that all function together harmoniously (functionalist or structuralist approach).

### Theorists

Émile **Durkheim** argued that organisations such as the school and religion have an important role in socialising common values, known as a '**collective conscience**'. **Socialisation** from an early age means that we internalise these values and so are largely unaware of them. Talcott **Parsons** believed that the different functions of society play a role together in keeping society healthy. He saw the different parts of society acting like organs in the body, which must all function correctly (**organic analogy**).

**Parsons** developed the idea of **functional prerequisites**. These are things that a society must have to function, such as the provision of food or the socialisation and education of children. The family and schools fulfil these functions, just as organs such as the heart and lungs fulfil functions in the body. **Socialisation into the norms and values of society** creates a collective conscience or **value consensus**.



### Evaluation

- **Interactionist** critics have seen functionalism as too static because it plays down the role of our free will and individual agency.
- **Marxists** and **feminists** see it as being too conservative and ignoring class and gender inequalities.
- Functionalism cannot explain change and conflict. If society functioned harmoniously they would never occur.
- Postmodernists would also debate whether in reality we really share norms and values. **Durkheim** was writing in a less diverse age.

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## Marxism



### Definition

Marxism is another structuralist theory but, unlike functionalists, see society as based on conflict rather than consensus. For Marxism society is based on the rich (**bourgeoisie**) controlling the poor (proletariat).

### Theorists

**Karl Marx** founded Marxism. He saw society as defined by economics and that the workers were socialised by **capitalism** so that the bosses could keep them under control, through education, the media and religion. Marx claimed that the bourgeoisie create a **superstructure** on top of the **economic base**, including organisations such as the family, schools and the media, which they then use to impose their **dominant ideology** on the brainwashed proletariat. Marx was the 'opium of the masses' used to 'drug' or stupefy the workers because they would look forward instead to an afterlife. The media are in a comfortable position with consumerism, while education persuades the position at the bottom of society is justified.

Marx argued that ultimately the proletariat would become aware of their situation and that there would then be a revolution where they freed themselves to create an equal and free society without exploitation or class conflict.



### Evaluation

- Functionalists argue that Marxism is overly deterministic, seeing society as solely the product of their economic class.
- Postmodernists and interactionist theorists argue that Marxism is too generalise about class because individuals are different.
- In general, communism has failed in the twentieth century. Russia, China, Cuba, and most members of the working class have not been predicted.

## Neo-Marxism



### Definition

**Neo-Marxism** (= 'New Marxism') developed out of the criticism that Marxism failed in Russia. Neo-Marxists argued that Marxism exists have concentrated on money) and not enough on ideas.

### Theorists

Neo-Marxists such as **MacDonald**, **Marcuse** and the **Frankfurt School** argued that the bourgeoisie use **mass culture** to brainwash the proletariat into accepting their position. They see **mass culture** as manufactured to make profits for big business.



### Evaluation

- **Interactionist** critics would see neo-Marxism, like Marxism, as too deterministic.
- **Feminists** would complain that it emphasises class over gender.
- **Postmodernists** might suggest that **neo-Marxism** is wrong because people are media savvy and able to reject and reinterpret the messages of the media.

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## Social action



### Definition

**Social action** theorists emphasise individuals' **free will** to choose their identity. Social action developed into **interactionism**, which focuses on people's individual interactions with others. This **micro** approach is based on observing individuals closely. It sees cultures as made up of millions of interactions, rather than a **macro** approach such as functionalism, which is concerned with society overall.

### Theorists

**Social action** was founded by Max **Weber**. He argued that people always act according to a personal, individual understanding of the situation, so social action requires empathy with them. Weber used a German word '**verstehen**' for this concept.

**Interactionists** such as **Goffman** examined the role that language and symbols play in the world. This is linked in with the idea of **labelling** or stereotyping, where people are labelled and then react by living up (or down) to these labels, which become **self-fulfilling prophecies**. This is known as **symbolic interactionism** and can be linked to Marxism or feminism as the proletariat or women are labelled in certain negative ways.



### Evaluation

- Marxists or feminists argue that interactionism neglects the powerful influence of class and gender in moulding society.
- Functionalists say that they neglect the role of social structure in creating a harmonious society.
- Critics also suggest that interactionism cannot explain large-scale social change.

## Feminism



### Definition

**Feminism**, like Marxism, sees socialisation as a negative force upon women rather than the poor as victims of a system that is defined by male domination). They accuse society of being '**malestream**' and dominated by men.

Feminism has now developed into three varieties:

1. **Liberal feminists** are more moderate and have argued for changes in society to provide equality for women (e.g. 1970 Equal Pay Act).
2. **Radical feminists**, by contrast, see all areas of society as patriarchal and the whole system needs to be changed.
3. **Marxist feminism** is linked to capitalism but argues that the most oppressed are the proletariat women, who are exploited for labour and as free child and domestic workers.

### Theorists

Feminism can be traced back as far as ancient earth mother societies, who worshipped childbearing, or to the political suffragette movement of the early 1900s. The philosopher **Simone de Beauvoir** as the founder of the modern movement. She argued that **gender** was the main inequality in society, with women a '**sex class**' dominated by men.

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More recently, feminists such as **Ann Oakley** and **Angela McRobbie** have focused on the role of family and media in creating this **patriarchy**.



### Evaluation

- Critics argue that feminism is overly negative. Marxists, it overlooks the more important role of men. Functionalists, it ignores the benefits for society of the traditional gender role as carers.
- More practically, it has been criticised for leading to a society where the majority is now instigated by women.
- Black feminists see mainstream feminism as 'white' and overlooking the most oppressed group, ethnic minorities.

## Postmodernism



### Definition

**Postmodernism** argues that society is now too diverse to be explained by traditional theories. That globalisation and the mass media and social media mean that there is no single identity regardless of gender, class, etc. The name comes from the fact that it is beyond ('**post**') **modern society**, when rational theories such as Marxism were able to explain everything.

It is also known as **pluralism** because it emphasises the many, plural different terms of multiculturalism, ethnicity, religion, etc.

### Theorists

**Lyotard** came up with the term **metanarratives** ('big stories') for all-encompassing theories like Marxism, feminism and functionalism, which he argued no longer function in a world that is too diverse.



### Evaluation

- Postmodernism has been criticised for being subjective, arguing that all perspectives are as good as each other, and that no one can explain or improve society.
- Marxists and feminists argue that they ignore the role of class, gender, etc.
- It can also be seen as ethnocentric, because global societies do not offer people the opportunity to express their own views.



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**Outline three sociological theories. [6 marks]**

- **2 marks** are available for each of **three** appropriate points clearly outlined with appropriate reasons partially outlined/explained.
- Write three short paragraphs – you should number or bullet point them.
- You have 9 minutes.

<b>Point 1</b>	1.
Explanation/ outline	

<b>Point 2</b>	2.
Explanation/ outline	

<b>Point 3</b>	3.
Explanation/ outline	

**Mark scheme**

- **2 marks** are available for each of **three** appropriate points clearly outlined with appropriate reasons partially outlined/explained.

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## Lesson plan 3: Different conceptions

### Lesson learning aims

To understand:

- ✓ Different types of culture
- ✓ The technique for 10-mark questions



### You will need:

- ☐ Lesson 3 table handout: Introduction to culture and identity
- ☐ Lesson 3 notes
- ☐ Writing frame for 10-mark questions
- ☐ 'Knowledge or analysis?' sheet
- ☐ Feedback on 10-mark questions

### Starter

- Play punk music as students enter the room.
- Students discuss the song and its lyrics. How might they differ from the norms, values and traditions of cultures?
- Recap norms, values and traditions from lesson 1, then watch HSBC advertisement and discuss norms, values and traditions of cultures.



### Main

#### Teacher talks:

Introduce the idea of dominant/hegemonic and subcultures based on the video.

#### Handouts:

Give out the table handout 'Introduction to culture and identity'. Students identify the dominant/hegemonic subculture of Britain (white British) and then discuss and fill in the table. Then use YouTube clips such as *Big Fat Gypsy Wedding* to introduce traveller culture.

Students then fill in the column on traveller culture for this. This is a good example of the idea of stigmatisation of subcultures in the media. This column can easily be used for any subculture that your students may be familiar with. Finally, introduce the Sex Pistols through YouTube clips – the Sex Pistols' interview with Bill Grundy is a good example as there is some bad language. Then fill in the table on this.

### Plenary

Introduce the 10-mark style AS and A Level style question: Outline and explain how different cultures may affect behaviour. [10 marks]

Discuss how to answer the question, highlighting the need to write in paragraphs on the 6-marker and analyse (explain) points. On this type of 10-mark question, students are awarded marks for evaluating (criticising) the point of paragraphs – this is only a requirement for the question with an item in the A Level exam.

Students plan their answers using the writing frame. They can use their own ideas to begin analysing cultures.

Then go through the knowledge or analysis sheet. Students identify if they can use the analysis to their answers.

**Feedback** – Students mark their answers using the mark scheme.

Students then mark the model answer using the mark scheme (ignore the first item 10-mark question).

Next they should identify **which paragraph in the model answer is best** because it includes analysis.

Then students **improve the second paragraph of the model answer**.


Finally, they use the analyses to **improve their own work**.

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Introduction to culture and identity

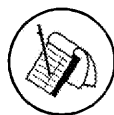
		Dominant culture	Subculture	Subculture of resistance
			Traveller	Punk
Language				
Values	General guidelines on behaviour and beliefs about right and wrong. For instance, in the West we tend to focus on individualism.			
Norms	Socially acceptable ways of behaving. These are when values are put into practice in concrete ways.			
Customs	Norms that have lasted a long time and so become part of tradition			

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## Topics in Sociology: Culture and



### Specification area 1

- ✓ Different conceptions of culture, including subculture, mass and low culture, popular culture and global culture
- ✓ The meaning of these different concepts of culture: **Bourdieu** **School**
- ✓ How are they used by different sociologists: **the Frankfurt School**

**Culture** = the way of life of a society (including language, beliefs, values, knowledge)

**Socialisation** = the life course process which passes culture on from generation to generation, teaches individuals how to integrate into society



### There are various dimensions to culture:

**Hegemonic (dominant) culture** is the main culture of a society, which is shared by most members. British hegemonic culture is typically seen by many sociologists. However, societies also have smaller groups within them with different cultures. These are known as **subcultures**.

Subcultures do not necessarily oppose the hegemonic culture. If they do, they are called '**subcultures of resistance**'. These can be within a national hegemonic culture. For example, Afro-Caribbean ethnic minority subcultures of resistance to oppose racism. In one instance, **Willis** identified an anti-school subculture within school in his study of working-class boys in which a group known as the 'lads' valued disruption and truancy as opposed to the values of hard work and achievement).

Sociologists **Hall** and **Jefferson** have shown how youths are particularly drawn to subcultures of resistance and associate them with dress, language, values, music, etc. (e.g. skinheads, emos).



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## Outline and explain two ways in which cultures may affect

- 15 minutes

Point 1	
'The first...'	
very good evidence/ knowledge	
<b>analysis</b> <i>'In other words...'</i> <i>'Put simply...'</i> <b>/evaluation</b> <b>(item question only)</b> <i>'However...'</i> <i>'On the other hand...'</i>	

Point 2	
'The second...'	
very good evidence/ knowledge	
<b>analysis</b> <i>'In other words...'</i> <i>'Put simply...'</i> <b>/evaluation</b> <b>(item question only)</b> <i>'However...'</i> <i>'On the other hand...'</i>	

## Mark scheme

Level	Description
3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Two</b> examples in two paragraphs</li> <li><b>Very good</b> knowledge and understanding</li> <li><b>Appropriate</b> analysis</li> <li><b>Appropriate evaluation</b> (if an item question)</li> <li><b>Uses item in both paragraphs</b> (if an item question)</li> </ul>
2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>One or two</b> examples in one or two paragraphs</li> <li><b>Reasonable to good</b> knowledge and understanding</li> <li><b>Some basic</b> analysis</li> <li><b>Uses item</b> (if an item question)</li> </ul>
1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Limited focus</b> on the question</li> <li><b>Limited knowledge</b> and little or no understanding</li> <li><b>Little or no analysis</b></li> </ul>
0	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>No relevant</b> points</li> </ul>

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## Knowledge or analysis?

For each point, decide whether it represents knowledge or analysis.

- The dominant culture of society includes a set of values and norms at least acquiesced in, by the majority of society.
- Marxist sociologists would argue that these norms and values are used by the dominant class to control the proletariat and socialise them into obedience.
- British culture includes values such as politeness and patience, which lead to behaviours such as queuing and saying 'please' and 'thank you'.
- Feminists would agree that the dominant culture is used for control and socialisation of women instead of by the bourgeoisie to control the proletariat.



**Feedback:** Outline and explain **two ways** in which cultures may affect behaviour.

A culture is a way of life, including norms, values, beliefs, diet and dress.

One way that culture affects behaviour is through the dominant culture of values and norms that are generally accepted as guidelines for behaviour, by the majority of society. In Britain this would include values such as politeness and patience, which lead to behaviours such as queuing and saying 'please' and 'thank you'. Marxist sociologists would argue that these norms and values are used by the dominant bourgeoisie to control the proletariat and socialise them into obedience. Feminists would agree that the dominant culture is used for control and socialisation of women but by the male patriarchy to subjugate women.

A second way cultures affect behaviour is through subcultures of resistance, which often directly opposed values and norms to the dominant culture. For example, the punk subculture in the 1970s, with its rebellion and dressing in provocative fashions, including leather and metal, often swore and took drugs.



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## Lesson 3 Answers

### Knowledge or analysis?

#### Knowledge:

The dominant culture of society includes a set of values and norms that are generally by the majority of society.

British culture includes values such as courtesy and patience, which are embodied in 'please' and 'thank you'.

#### Analysis:

Marxist sociologists would argue that these norms and values are used by the dominant proletariat and socialise them into obedience.

Feminists would agree that the dominant culture is used for control, but by the male instead of by the bourgeoisie to control the proletariat.



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## Lesson plan 4: Different conceptions of culture

### Lesson learning aims

To understand:

- ✓ Further different types of culture
- ✓ The technique for 2-mark questions (if studying AS)



### You will need

- ☐ Lesson 4 revision cards
- ☐ Lesson 4 Venn diagram and images to stick on
- ☐ Lesson 4 notes on culture (i) and culture (ii)
- ☐ 6-mark question scheme from Lesson 2

### Starter

**Memo card:** Write these terms on the board: culture, folk culture, popular culture, global culture. Students have to memorise the terms. Then wipe the board. Students must recall the terms, write them down, and define them. They can use the notes.

### Main

#### Teacher talks:

Explain the ideas of folk culture, popular culture, high culture and global culture. Use examples from soap operas, logos, music, images, etc. to do this.

#### Handouts:

Give the students the revision cards of the different types of culture. Show them the McDonald's logo, the *Mona Lisa*, etc. They have to hold up the card for folk, popular, high culture or global culture to identify what they are.

Next, students can sketch logos and images representing different types of culture. They can make a Venn diagram. If ICT is available they can research these and print them out. They can also cut images and logos out of magazines.

When feeding back, the overlaps of the Venn diagram can be used to highlight similarities between different types of culture and thus develop postmodernist arguments.

### Plenary

Students should revise the revision cards on different types of culture.

**AS:** Outline the technique for the 2-mark 'Define...' question: point and then prove. One of the cards out of a hat and students all have to write on the board under the conditions (3 minutes).

Answer the 6-mark AS question 'Outline three different types of culture' using the 6-mark scheme from Lesson 2. At A Level, this can be used to reinforce the question on education or crime and deviance, even though the type of culture is different.

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## Culture

The way of life of a society (including language, beliefs, values, norms, skills, and knowledge)

## Dominant culture

The main culture accepted by most people. This culture is typically patriarchal and hierarchical.



## Subculture

Smaller groups within larger societies with different values, norms, dress, diet, etc.

## Subdominant culture

Smaller culture dominant (hegemonic) ethnic minority status, national hegemony, institutions, such as the media.

## Folk culture

Pre-industrial, traditional culture created by local communities. It is authentic rather than manufactured, includes things such as brass bands, old wives' tales and folk songs and is kept alive today by enthusiasts.

## High culture

Seen as superior and more refined. People appreciate, include fine art and theatre. High artistic value and high status locations (galleries, museums, the upper classes).

## Mass/popular/low culture

Mass culture is globally mass-produced and consumed on a large scale by ordinary people (e.g. soap operas, fast-food chains). 'Low culture' is a derogatory term for popular culture, suggesting it is inferior to high culture, while 'popular culture' is used by postmodernists to suggest that it is in fact worthy of study.

## Global culture

Postmodernists argue that cultures have become more alike) due to globalisation and consuming through the internet. Watching the same TV shows, wearing similar clothing, eating fast-food. Postmodernists argue that this is a significant trend.

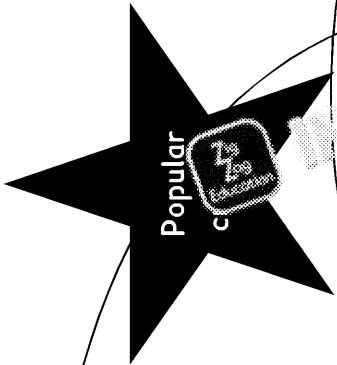
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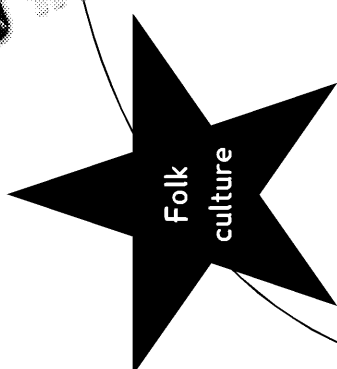
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## Different conceptions of culture

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### Folk culture

**Folk culture** is pre-industrial, traditional culture created by local communities. It is authentic rather than manufactured, unlike modern mass culture, and includes things such as brass bands, old wives' tales and folk songs.

Folk culture was generally found in villages and passed on by word of mouth in extended families, but is still kept alive today by enthusiasts (e.g. Morris dancing).



### High culture

**High culture** includes literature such as Dickens, serious documentaries, classical music, as van Gogh or Picasso. It is seen as something to be appreciating and kept in specialised museums, theatres and art galleries.

High culture is generally considered superior to popular culture and particularly popular or 'low' culture do not appreciate it themselves. Marxists see it as a preserve of the intellectual elite in the bourgeoisie who brainwash the proletariat into seeing it as valuable. They also point to phenomena such as the arts, ballet or opera, for by the masses (**popular culture**) but ballet (**high culture**) as evidence of bourgeois values.

### Mass, popular or low culture

**Mass, popular or low culture** is generally contrasted with both high culture and folk culture. It is seen as more long-lasting and valuable.

The **Frankfurt School** saw mass culture as replacing folk culture as the main force (agency) of socialisation than the family. Mass culture is also opposed to folk culture as it changes rapidly and operates on a global rather than a local level.

'**Low culture**' is a derogatory (insulting) term for popular culture, used to contrast it with high culture. **Marxists** saw it as inferior and used to brainwash the proletariat. They call mass culture '**bourgeois culture**', a non-derogatory term used to suggest that it is not as sophisticated and worthy of study as high and other types of culture.

Mass or low culture is often criticised as globally **mass-produced** by large corporations and **passively consumed**. For many sociologists, it is inferior, dumbed-down. However, some **postmodernists** argue that today's consumers are media savvy and are rejecting and finding meanings in it, and even altering its direction.

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## Global culture

**Global culture** is produced by the transportation of goods and cultures around the globe. **Globalisation**, the growing interconnectedness of societies around the globe, often referred to as the shrinking of the world, has produced **cultural homogenisation** as norms, values, products and attitudes in **different** countries **become similar**. Critics argue that as a result national cultures are undermined, becoming less important, and that globalisation is effectively American cultural imperialism. They claim that US **transnational corporations** such as Nike and Coca-Cola take over global lifestyles and market themselves through the globalisation process.

There are a number of causes of global culture:

- **International tourism** has given more people a taste of different cultures and brought them back to their own countries.
- The **Internet** enables people to communicate instantaneously and across the globe with the comfort of their own homes.
- The **international division of labour** means that people increasingly rely on products made in other countries. Many of the products, such as mobile phones, that are consumed globally are manufactured in other countries.



**Flew** sees the globalised international media, starting with television, and evolving via the Internet, as breaking down barriers between high and mass culture. **Ritzer** has examined the homogenisation of the US fast food industry, with its spread globally. This and other US brands enable an idea of globalisation (with regional variations) to be brought homogeneously to different parts of the world (diet) is weakened. Media companies also internationalise their products (e.g. *Who Wants to Be a Millionaire?* in 120 countries) and games; in 2013 *Angry Birds* was the fastest selling global entertainment product of all time, grossing \$1 billion.

The media has made Hollywood and British stars globally renowned and has played a major role in making English the preferred second language of most of the world.

This process of **cultural homogenisation**, with people wearing the same clothes, eating the same food, and watching the same programmes has tended to focus on American culture. However, **postmodernists** who support globalisation have stressed that this is not necessarily the case. For instance, Bollywood films coming into mainstream Western cinemas, and the popularity of British dish. Multiculturalism has played a key role here.

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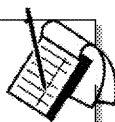


## Lesson plan 5: Different sociologists' view culture in society

### Lesson learning aims

To understand:

- ✓ Different sociologists' views of the role of culture in society



### You will need

- ☐ Lesson 5
- ☐ Lesson 5
- mass and
- ☐ Lesson 5
- views of

### Starter

- **Go five!** Students have to write down five different sociologists
- Students then write down what sociological theory each is a part of
- Students then discuss/speculate what each sociologist might say about

### Main

#### Teacher talks:

Explain the various sociologists' perspectives on the different types of culture. Underlined sociologists are those named in the AQA syllabus.

#### Handouts:

Give the students the revision cards of the different sociologists. They then discuss them according to whether they talk about high or mass culture, and whether they have a positive or negative view. The table will need to be copied onto A3 for the cards to fit. Students can then stick the cards on the lines. Some cards are ambiguous and can be stuck on the lines.

If students finish they can draw lines between the cards of sociologists who agree with each other. They can then add on lines in a different colour for sociologists who disagree. They can then circle the card for the sociologist whose view they agree with most.

Then read over the notes handout and add to the table.

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**Triad debates:** Students are grouped in threes and assigned a letter, A, B or C. They take part in a series of two-minute debates in threes. One student argues for a particular point, another student argues against a second, with the third judging. The debates last 2 minutes in total. Each student has 1 minute to speak and rebut their opponent's argument. The third student judges the quality of knowledge and analysis displayed.

A suggested sequence of three debates could be:

**Debate 1:**

A: Bourdieu's analysis of mass culture

B: Strinati's analysis of mass culture

C: Judge

**Debate 2:**

A: Judge

B: Bourdieu's analysis of mass culture

C: Leavis's analysis of mass culture

**Debate 3:**

A: Leavis's analysis of mass culture

B: Judge

C: Strinati's analysis of mass culture

**AS question practice:** Students could practice the technique for the 2-mark question. Students revise the revision cards then a student picks a card, puts it on a hat and all have to write an answer in timed conditions to the question 'Outline the role of culture in society.' (three minutes)

**AS / A Level question practice:** Answer the 10-mark question 'Outline the role of culture in society.' [10 marks] Use the writing frame and mark scheme from Lesson 1.

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## F and Q Leavis

Extremely dismissive of mass culture as **low culture**, inferior to high culture (especially literature), and as debasing the English language and encouraging consumerism and conformity.

1970s **Marxist**, **class** impose their values. The proletariat are superior although

## Marcuse

**Neo-Marxist** writing in the 2000s, saw the emphasis on advertising and consumption as preventing people from reflecting on the world.

## Frankfurt

These **neo-Marxists** developed a combined Marxism with the **lower status of mass culture** and identified **commodification** became obsessed with mass media to

## MacDonald

1960s **neo-Marxist**. He contrasted **mass culture** with **folk culture**, which he argued was authentic and genuinely produced by the working class in earlier societies. Mass culture, on the other hand, was used to control the workers and distract them with consumer goods, lulling them into passivity and mindless acceptance of their lives.

## Stuart Hall

1990s **postmodernist** view of culture because it is **worthless** uncritically accepted. He argued **mass culture from which** **critically**

Sees the difference **between** **disappearing** due to the **Argues, therefore, that it is** **culture'** as

## Livingstone

In the 1980s, claimed that popular culture soap operas have a positive role for society by covering controversial issues and educating the public about them.

Argues that **consumes mass** (mass culture – **that**

## Giddings

**Postmodernist** who identified the blending of high and mass culture, arguing that we all have personal decisions and distinction.

Sees culture as diverse **functionalist** idea that it argues that many layers of gender, nationality, etc. people in

## Functionalists

**Durkheim** and **Parsons** argued that culture is used for social control, but they do not see this as a negative thing. People all accept the same values, which make up the **collective consciousness** and stop society descending into chaos.

Have argued **patriarchal**. **Pop** as sex objects of **McRobbie** both **women we**





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## Analysis of mass and high culture

	High culture	
<b>Positive</b>  		
<b>Negative</b>  		

- Stick the sociologists in the appropriate quadrants.
- Draw lines to show those who disagree strongly with each other.

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# Different sociologists' views of the role of



## Specification area 1

- ✓ Sociological views, e.g. functionalist, Marxist, neo-Marxist, interactionist, feminist and postmodernist, on the role of culture in society: Durkheim, Parsons, Marx, the Frankfurt School, Wolf, Strinati, Goffman

The literary critics F and Q Leavis were extremely dismissive of mass culture. They saw it very much as **low culture**, inferior to 'high' culture (especially literature) and as debasing the English language and encouraging consumerism and

## Marxist

**Marxist** sociologists like Pierre **Bourdieu** (1970s) see culture as used to control the sense of inferiority. For **Bourdieu** (who came from a poor background) low culture is inferior to high culture, but it was also a method of control since the proletariat consumed high culture as superior even though they did not consume it. Therefore, maintaining the sense of inferiority of the proletariat to the **bourgeoisie** was a method of control, an '*opium of the masses*' in the same way as **Marx**

## Neo-Marxist (= 'new Marxists')

**Neo-Marxists** altered the Marxist perspective. They also saw mass culture as a way to financially exploit the proletariat. The **Frankfurt School** developed this, combining Marxism with psychology. They accepted the **lower status** of low culture and identified **commodity fetishism**, where people became obsessed with and pedalled in the mass media.

**MacDonald** contrasted **mass culture** with **folk culture**, which he argued was produced by the working-class in earlier societies. Mass culture, on the other hand, was produced by the workers and distract them with consumer goods, lulling them into passive acceptance of their lives.

**Marcuse**, writing in the 2000s, saw the emphasis on advertising and consumerism as a way of distracting from reflecting on the world. Other **neo-Marxists** have also seen the media as a tool of capitalism, and would point to things such as newspaper horoscopes as a way of discouraging the proletariat from taking any responsibility for their future.

Some **neo-Marxists** argue that the lottery funding of high culture has forced the masses to see culture as a commodity for sale. In this way, there is a divide between **high culture** and **popular culture**.

## Functionalist

**Durkheim** and **Parsons** argued that culture is used for social control, but it is not a negative thing. For them the **dominant culture** creates shared values, like religion, which is a **functional prerequisite** for social harmony. People all accept the same **collective consciousness** and stop society descending into chaos.

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## Postmodernist

Postmodernists such as Dominic **Strinati**, writing in the 1990s, saw Marxist perspectives as outdated and generalised because they did not recognise the diverse (pluralist) to be generalised about. **Strinati** accepts that culture is seen as complex, valuable and worthy of study. He denies that a single perspective is accepted, instead arguing that there is a **diversity of mass culture** from

Stuart **Hall** also sees culture as diverse and disagrees with the functionalist view of culture being brought together. Instead, **Hall** argues that many layers of cultural diversity (ethnicity, class, etc.) mean that culture can divide people in modern society.



**Strinati** has argued the difference between high and mass culture is now being blurred due to the mass media, Internet etc. For instance, high cultural art such as Van Gogh's 'Starry Starry Night' is now available to buy on cushions and there are popular groups who cover famous songs. **Strinati**, therefore, disagrees with sociologists who argue that, far from high culture being superior to mass culture, it is no longer possible to differentiate the two.

The postmodernist **Storey** also identified this blurring of high and mass culture by arguing that the ruling class now consume mass culture, pointing to the sale of graffiti (mass culture) art such as Banksy paintings for vast sums of money to be displayed in galleries.

Giddings, another postmodernist writing in the 2000s, also sees it as impossible to distinguish between high and popular culture, arguing that ultimately we can only make personal **distinctions for ourselves between high and mass culture**.

**Livingstone**, in the 1980s, claimed that popular culture soap operas have been covering controversial issues such as incest, rape, drug abuse and domestic violence, making them public about them. Stories from soaps would be followed with information in the news or picked up in the popular red-top press, further raising awareness.

## Interactionist

**Goffman**, as an interactionist, differs from functionalists, Marxists and feminists. He sees culture as constructed for a purpose, either cohesion or exclusion. For **Goffman** culture is seen from the bottom of society from millions of everyday interactions between people. He has written a book which examines individual behaviour closely. For instance, he observed how people followed millions of minute unspoken rules (e.g. not staring at each other) in public.

## Feminist

**Feminists** have argued that the dominant culture is patriarchal. In particular, they have argued about stereotyping women as sex objects or child rearers. **Ferguson** and **McRobbie** have written about how women were presented in these ways, although **McRobbie** saw more progress in the 1990s. Recently **Paglia** argued that some female popular celebrities such as Madonna have been presented in these ways. Feminists highlight examples such as topless women in tabloid newspapers, arguing that mass culture controls women and diminishes their role. The radical feminist **Dworkin** argued that pornography and other images of women in popular culture encouraged violence against women.

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## Lesson plan 6: Exam practice

### Lesson learning aims

To reinforce and test:

- ✓ The technique for 10-mark questions.



### You will need

- ☐ Exam papers
- ☐ Writing frame from Lesson 3
- ☐ Feedback sheet

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### Main

#### Assessment

The assessment aims to reinforce the technique for the 10-mark question, with Level papers, as well as introducing the 10-mark item question (part of the slightly different technique). You can introduce the technique for the new (both paragraphs should start with a point from the item and should cover 3 of points) or you can let students learn the technique from their mistakes. Preceding homework should be to revise their handouts from previous lessons and the 10-mark writing frame from Lesson 3 to help them if you wish.

### Plenary

**Peer-marking:** Students swap and peer-mark assessments using the mark scheme and the additional requirements in the mark scheme for the item question.

#### Feedback in subsequent lesson

Students read the model paragraph answer to question 1 and identify what is good about the item, precise knowledge and analysis (development/explanation of the point).

Students then identify what is bad about it: no evaluation (criticism) of the paragraph.

Students then read the bullet points underneath and identify the 'evaluation' points: nevertheless, yet, etc.

Students then select the evaluations that could be relevant to the model paragraph and add the first three.

Students then add these to the model paragraph (as an extension you could ask them to write a paragraph, ensuring that they begin it with a reference to the item).

Students then (if you wish, after memorising the points) add the evaluation points to their answers to question 1.

Students can then (if you wish, after memorising the points) add the analysis to their answers to question 2. Emphasise that only analysis (further explanation) is required for the point – this is only in the 10-mark item question.

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## Exam practice

30 minutes

Read **Item A** below and answer the question that follows.

One popular form of structuralist sociology is functionalism. Marxism is another, although unlike functionalism it explains society through conflict, as does feminism. Postmodernism, by contrast, examines society on a more micro scale and emphasises personal choice rather than structures such as class and gender.

1. Applying material from **Item A**, analyse two sociological theories.
2. Outline and explain two criticisms of 'popular culture'. [10 marks]



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## Feedback on exam practice

1. Applying material from **Item A**, analyse **two** sociological theories.

Item A states that a 'popular form of structuralist sociology is function by Émile Durkheim. He saw the different parts of society as needing organs of the body. Thus, according to the 'organic analogy', outlined by Talcott Parsons, the different parts of society, such as education, religion, work, family, etc., all have to work together like the different organs of the body. This would be based on a consensus and a shared culture. Education was particularly important for passing on the unique, 'particularistic values' of their families, to the shared values of the society.

- However, functionalists have been criticised for ignoring the fact that not all parts of society benefit from society.
- Marxists in contrast argue that the poorer proletariat are, in fact, not benefiting from society.
- Feminists would highlight that gender is a powerful influence on society, not just particularistic values.
- Yet Marxism has been criticised by many now that Marxist (communist) regimes such as Russia.
- Marxists would argue that class plays a greater role in determining life chances than gender.
- Nevertheless, postmodernists would argue that it is impossible to define society in terms of metanarratives such as gender or class. Society in the 21st century is globalised and diverse.
- On the other hand, both feminism and Marxism have been attacked by interactionist theorists. Interactionist theorists would point to women and members of the middle class who have been extremely successful.
- However, interactionist theorists have been criticised by Marxists for ignoring the limitations of class and gender.

1. Outline and explain **two criticisms** of 'popular culture'. [10 marks]

Use the bullet points below to add some **appropriate analysis/development**.  
Use linking words and phrases such as in addition, furthermore, also.

- F and Q Leavis argued that popular culture was inherently inferior to 'high culture' and lacked artistic merit, debased the English language.
- Marxists such as Bourdieu have seen popular culture as lacking in artistic merit and as a method of control, an 'opium of the masses'.
- Bourdieu argued that the proletariat were socialised to see high culture as superior and they did not consume it as a method of control, an 'opium of the masses'.
- Marx saw religion as a method of control, an 'opium of the masses'.
- Dworkin saw mass culture as inferior to folk culture because it was a form of social control.
- Neo-Marxists (new Marxists) such as the Frankfurt School have argued that popular culture is being created solely for profit by large corporations.
- Marcuse saw the emphasis on advertising and consumption as a form of social control, reflecting on the world.
- Feminists highlight examples such as topless women in tabloid magazines, suggesting that popular culture controls women and diminishes their role.
- The radical feminist Dworkin suggested that pornography and popular culture encouraged male violence against them.

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## Lesson plan 7: The socialisation

### Lesson learning aims

- ✓ To understand the socialisation process
- ✓ To understand the different agencies of socialisation
- ✓ To reflect on their own socialisation



### You will need:

- ☐ Lesson 7 handout on socialisation
- ☐ Lesson 7 notes
- ☐ 'The making of me' worksheet
- ☐ Writing frame from Lesson 2

### Starter

- You could show students YouTube footage of a feral child such as Chi, who was found in the Amazon rainforest.
- Alternatively, you could begin with a **memory board** of these key terms that they should be able to recall from Lesson 1: socialisation, naturalists, primary socialisation, agency of socialisation, feral children, resocialisation, etc. On the board, students memorise them, and you then erase or mute the terms with definitions.
- Alternatively, students could begin with some rapid practice of the terms by drawing the terms above from a hat, defining them and peer-marking.

### Main

#### Handouts:

Students read over the notes handout on the different agencies of socialisation in class. The arrival in prison scene from *The Shawshank Redemption* and arrival in a new country both provide good examples of resocialisation, although obviously with different outcomes.

Students then add knowledge to the boxes on the agencies of socialisation. The boxes on the columns will be filled next lesson.

### Plenary

**The making of me:** Students are now going to carry out a personal socialisation activity. This can be done in class or, better, for homework, so that students have an opportunity to discuss it with friends and family.

You could then follow this up with:

**Snowball activity:** Students write a key term from the lesson on a sheet of paper, roll it into a ball and then pass or throw it to someone else. They then have to understand the definition.

**Back to the board:** A student sits with their back to the board. Put one term on the board. The student has to guess what it is by asking the rest of the class questions.

**AS question practice:** Answer the 6-mark question: 'Outline three agencies of socialisation.' Use the writing frame and mark scheme from lesson 2.

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**Primary socialisation** is the initial stage of socialisation carried out from birth. Although nursery workers and others play a role. It is regarded by many as the most powerful stage of socialisation and is **hard to change**. Fundamental aspects of identity, such as gender, are formed at this stage. Feral children provide clear evidence of the consequences of missing socialisation within the family is omitted, as well as the difficulty in reversing it.

**Secondary socialisation** is a later stage when several other agencies contribute to socialisation by the **secondary** agencies of school, the media, peer groups and the workplace. It builds on primary socialisation, but is easier to change through the influence of these agencies.

## Primary socialisation

### The family

Children learn a great deal in early childhood and the most powerful stage of socialisation. Identity may well be the part that we don't remember. Children are rewarded for conformity, punished for deviance, and exposed to different role models (parents), values and norms.

## The components of secondary socialisation

### The education system

The education system is seen as important in teaching children values and norms. For **functionalists**, this is a necessary and positive thing, with **Durkheim** portraying schools as 'societies in miniature' that prepare children for adult life. However, for **Marxists** such as **Bourdieu** school is a key part of the **superstructure** used to keep the **proletariat** in their place and legitimise the power of the **bourgeoisie**. The Marxists **Bowles and Gintis** also emphasised the role that the **hidden curriculum** plays in duping the **proletariat** into unquestioning obedience.

### The peer group

The peer group is made up of individuals of a similar social status and can impose roles and values (e.g. gender roles) through a desire for acceptance and fear of rejection or ridicule. It is particularly powerful in its influence on young people who are moving from childhood into adulthood. The peer group can form an attractive alternative to school and the family for adolescents and help them define their identity. It is linked to **youth subcultures** and include dangerous or deviant behaviour.

### The workplace

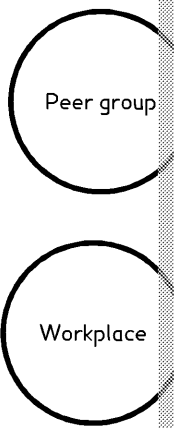
Socialisation in the workplace takes place later in life and enables people to become adults. Workers are socialised into vital norms (e.g. obedience to the boss, punctuality, solidarity, efficiency). They will be **resocialised** when they change jobs. This is as vital for an industrial society, but **Marxists** see it as exploitative of workers.

### The media

The **media** are increasingly important in today's media-saturated society (newspapers, books) but also, increasingly, **mass media** (TV, film, video games, social media (Facebook, Twitter)). For **postmodernists** its importance is multiplying with the internet. Some argue it has now replaced religion as our main source of moral education.

### Religious institutions

Religion has traditionally been seen as extremely important in developing values of charity and mutual respect. **Durkheim** in the 1890s saw it as vital for social cohesion, though he himself was an atheist. **Postmodernists** see its influence as waning.



Peer group

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## The agencies of socialisation

Primary socialisation: The family		Secondary socialisation: The peer group
Knowledge	Evaluation (views of sociologists)	Knowledge
Secondary socialisation: The peer group		Secondary socialisation: The media
Knowledge	Evaluation (views of sociologists)	Knowledge
Secondary socialisation: The media		Secondary socialisation: The media
Knowledge	Evaluation (views of sociologists)	Knowledge

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## 'The making of me'

- Try to use key sociological terms.
- Talk to your family or friends to get more detail.

How do you perceive your **identity**?




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Explain the impact of the following on your identity:

1. **Primary socialisation:** Parental and family background

2. **Secondary socialisation:** Media

3. **Secondary socialisation:** School



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4. Secondary socialisation: Friendship/peer groups

5. Secondary socialisation: Religion

6. Secondary socialisation: Work

7. Income/class

8. Free will

**Conclusion:** Which sociological theory do you find most convincing? How does it explain your identity?

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## Lesson plan 8: Different sociological perspectives

### Lesson learning aims

- ✓ To understand the different agencies of socialisation
- ✓ To understand different sociological perspectives on the agencies of socialisation
- ✓ To judge the relative importance of the different agencies of socialisation



### You will need

- ☐ Lesson 8 sociological agencies
- ☐ Four corners agree, disagree
- ☐ Lesson 7 socialisation
- ☐ 10-mark scheme

### Starter



**Four corners:** Place cards saying **strongly agree, agree, disagree** and **strongly disagree** at the four corners of the room. Then give students statements on the board (the 'homework' from the previous lesson). They go to the corner of the room that best represents their opinion on this. You can then ask them to justify their judgement. This can be done as a class. I would suggest the following statements:

1. Primary socialisation was the most important influence on my identity.
2. Secondary socialisation was the most important influence on my identity.
3. My peers are a major influence on my identity.
4. Religion has played no role in shaping my identity.
5. My social class has affected my identity.
6. I have had complete free will to choose my identity.
7. Feminism is the theory which most accurately explains the formation of my identity.

### Main

#### Handouts:

Students read over the notes on different sociologists' views of the agencies of socialisation and fill in the evaluation column of the boxes on the agencies of socialisation table.

Then cut out the six cards and sort them on the desk in order of their relative importance of the different sociological theories, e.g. feminism, functionalism, Marxism, interactionism, etc. Write your answer here. Rather, the sorts should provide an opportunity for paired discussion.

Students then stick the cards down in a pyramid. At the top is the agency of socialisation, the socialisation process, underneath are the next two, and at the bottom is the least important in the socialisation process.

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**Triad debates:** Students are grouped in threes and assigned a letter, A, B or C, for a series of two-minute debates in threes. One student argues for the importance of primary socialisation against a second, with the third judging. The debates last two minutes. Each student takes turns to speak and rebut their opponent's argument. The third student judges the level of knowledge and analysis, awarding bonus marks for the use of relevant theory.

A suggested sequence of three debates could be:

**Debate 1:**

A: Primary socialisation in the family is a greater influence than school.

B: Secondary socialisation in school is a greater influence than family.

C: Judge

**Debate 2:**

A: Judge

B: The media is a more powerful source of secondary socialisation than the family.

C: The peer group is a more powerful source of secondary socialisation than the family.

**Debate 3:**

A: Today, religion is a more significant agency of secondary socialisation than the family.

B: Judge

C: Today, the workplace is a more significant agency of secondary socialisation than the family.

**AS / A Level question practice:** Answer the 10-mark question: 'Outline the agencies of socialisation that construct identity.' [10 marks] Use the writing from Lesson 3.

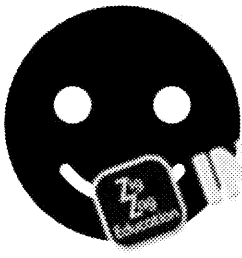
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# Different sociological perspectives on the age

## Structuralism

- **Structuralists** adopt a **macro approach** emphasising the large-scale forces of socialisation and questioning our ability to resist the influence of socialisation agencies. They argue that we have **little free will** over our identity, which is moulded like jelly or manipulated like puppets into class, gender, sex and national identities.



- Some **structuralists** (in particular **functionalists**, also known as **consensus structuralists**) see socialisation as a positive thing in providing harmony and order, and enabling society to function effectively.

**Parsons** saw the positive influence of socialisation. He saw **socialisation** in the family, where we learn basic roles and also a sense of right and wrong (called **primary socialisation**).

**Durkheim** by copying the behaviour of adults. **Parsons** called the nuclear family the **'personality factory'** as parents mould their children's personality, with children imitating the parent of the same sex.

**Durkheim** saw schools as playing a vital role as **'societies in miniature'** for socialisation. **Parsons** stressed the importance of education as a bridge between the individual and society. In the former, children have an **ascribed (= inherited) status** while in the latter, they have an **achieved status**. **Parsons** also argued that school replaced the family with the **universalistic values** of society. For instance, a child who is misbehaving in school is disciplined, whereas at home this approach is not acceptable and is socialised into the child's behaviour in society.

Finally, **Durkheim** saw **religion** as a vital source of secondary socialisation. He saw **religion** as **sacred** within society and parents and school socialising children into this. Some critics would argue religion plays less of a role today than in **Durkheim's** time. **Durkheim** also acknowledged the role of the media in providing communication. He saw the enduring importance of religion outside Europe today.

For functionalists, socialisation is vital in putting controls on behaviour (also called **social control**) to stop society descending into chaos.



Other **structuralists** see socialisation as important in controlling oppressed groups, allowing them to function within society. These are known as **conflict structuralists**. **Marxists**, who see socialisation as maintaining the status quo, see the proletariat by the bourgeoisie in **capitalism** supporting the exploitation of women by men.

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**Marxists**, such as **Bourdieu** in particular, see school as exploiting the weak to educational failure, while brainwashing them into acceptance of their status through the **hidden curriculum**.

For **Marx**, a committed atheist, religion played an extremely important role in building on this and distracting the **proletariat** from the misery of their lives with promises of an afterlife. He compared it to a drug used to stupefy people and called religion the '*opium of the masses*'. Another Marxist, **Althusser**, argued that religion was important as part of the **ideological state apparatus** (the way of convincing people not to change their status on earth).

Although religion is arguably less important now than in **Marx**'s time in the 1860s, modern **Marxists** argue that the mass media (particularly **popular culture**) continues to play a similar role, binding the **proletariat** to their misery with promises of consumer goods and soap operas.

**Zaretsky** argued that the **nuclear family** was a capitalist agency of socialisation from birth to obey their bourgeois bosses in later life by encouraging obedience. **Marxists**, the agencies of socialisation combine powerfully to maintain the status of the exploitation of the proletariat.

**Feminists** see socialisation as working to support the exploitation of women. Ann **Oakley**, primary socialisation was extremely important as girls learn their future role as carers in the family, whereas boys were encouraged to be independent. The **media then builds on these ideas** by presenting women in narrow roles.

Therefore, the true victims of the exploitation at the heart of the socialisation are not the class of the **proletariat** but rather the '**sex class**' of women.

For **liberal feminists** this can be addressed by consciously changing socialisation, whereas **radical feminists** argue that society overall needs to be altered.

### Criticism of structuralist approaches



- **Garfinkel** is critical of **structuralist** approaches for denying **free will** and choice. He argued that they all reduce individuals to society to passive 'social dopes'. Therefore, **functionalism**, **Marxism** and **Feminism** are all **reductionist** (simplistic) and deny that individuals do not have choice). **Garfinkel**, by contrast, argues that individuals are able to challenge socialisation's social moulds.
- **Marxists** and **feminists** have unsurprisingly criticised the inequalities against the **proletariat** and women. To the other: For **Marxists**, **feminists** obsess on gender at the expense of class.

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## Interactionism

- **Interactionism** is, by contrast, a **micro** approach and zooms in on individuals and their own behaviour. As such, it clearly opposes **structuralism**. In interactionism, people interact with each other.

George **Mead**, writing in the 1920s, was interested in the role of primary socialisation in developing identity, and emphasised the role of play in children's development. **Mead** saw the **self** as a **concept** or view of themselves. For **Mead**, therefore, identity was developed through **interactions with others, above all parents**, as children learnt their abilities and attitudes around them. However, while **Mead** saw the importance of institutions and social norms, individuals, he also saw children's ability to rebel or act independently.

**Lawler** agrees that while norms and values provide guidelines, these are not absolute and individuals have freedom to interact with them or to rebel and reject them altogether.

Charles **Cooley** claimed that our identity is developed in reaction to how others see us – he called this the '**looking-glass self**' as we developed our identity as it was 'reflected back' to us in the reactions of others. For example, someone who sees themselves as extroverted but is treated as introverted by those around them might learn to behave more quietly. **Cooley** saw the 'looking-glass self' as very important in education, where negative stereotyping from teachers could lead to **fulfilling prophecies** of failure in students.

The **interactionist Goffman** argued that society was like a stage (a theory called '**dramaturgy**') and that we 'act' to assert identities by controlling our behaviour when we are in front of others, which he referred to as being 'front stage'. **Goffman** called this '**impression management**', trying to control the impression other people have of you through language, clothes, body adornment (tattoos, piercings), etc. For **Goffman**, we are free to assert identities of our choice free from the age-old constraints of society, but we might fail at this **impression management**.

**Interactionists** argue that within primary socialisation parents are free to choose to socialise their children and not necessarily into the hegemonic norms of society, and that individuals can resist norms of society through alternative sources of socialisation, such as the peer group.

## Criticism of interactionist approaches



- Critics argue that interactionist approaches concentrate on the individual dimension and ignore individuals' freedom to resist socialisation. Critics of interactionist approaches for underestimating the influence of gender and class constraints within socialisation. For example, a woman might lack the money or education to project a certain identity.

**Postmodernists** such as **Lyotard** also adopt a **micro** approach, arguing that identities are so diverse that individuals have an infinite variety of identities to choose from, all of which are mediated to them all via the **media** in today's media-saturated society. For **Lyotard**, there are many competing versions of truth that agencies of socialisation such as **religion** lack the authority to control people's lives.

However, **postmodernism** has been criticised for underestimating the role of institutions, etc. and also, in its emphasis on diversity and choice, for failing to explain the power of socialisation.

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## Lesson plan 9: The self and identity

### Lesson learning aims

To understand:

- ✓ Different conceptions of the self and identity



### You will need

- ☐ Lesson 9
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- ☐ 6-mark worksheet from Lesson 9

### Starter

- Write down a number of terms on the board, e.g. shy, British, Muslim, middle class, lazy.
- Students should decide for each whether it represents **personality** or **identity**.

### Main

#### Teacher talks:

Use the starter task to identify the difference between identity and **personality**, which is psychological aspects of ourselves – for instance, shy, etc. Personality is fixed, whereas identity is changeable. It can change and lose the status attached to our work.

#### Handouts:

Students read through the notes handout, either as a class, individually, nominating the next reader. When they have read about **primary identities** list and highlight the key (Muslim, middle class, Irish). They then add in further primary identities that they can identify. There is an element of subjectivity in these categories, which is discussed in the discussion.

When they have read about **secondary identities** they highlight them on the handout (Teddy boy, good teamworker, elderly, father, chav, emo). They then add in further secondary identities that they can identify.

When they have read about **social identities** they highlight them on the handout (Muslim, middle class, Irish). They then add in further social identities that they can identify.

When they have read about **collective identities** they highlight them on the handout (Teddy boy, chav, emo). They then add in further collective identities that they can identify.

When they have read about **stigmatised identities** they highlight them on the handout (lesbian, elderly, chav). They then add in further stigmatised identities that they can identify.

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**Revision cards:** Students revise the revision cards and test each other using them to their neighbour for them to define.

You could then follow this up with:

The 10-question **factual test**.

**Snowball activity:** Students write a key term from a revision card on a snowball and then pass or throw it to someone else. They then have to uncrumple and give a definition.

**Back to the board:** A student sits with their back to the board. Put one of the questions on the board. The student has to guess what the question is by asking the rest of the class questions.

**AS question practice:** Students could practice the technique for the 2-mark question. Students revise the revision cards then a student picks one of the questions and has to write an answer in timed conditions to the question 'Explain the role of the state in society.' (three minutes)

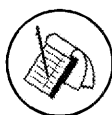
**AS Level question practice:** Answer the 6-mark question: 'Outline three factors that have influenced the writing frame and mark scheme from lesson 2.'

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# The self and identity



## Specification area 3

- ✓ The self, identity and difference as both socially caused and socially constructed
- ✓ How an individual's sense of self and identity, and also difference, develop according to structuralist views, e.g. functionalists: **Marx, Oakley**
- ✓ How an individual's sense of self and identity, and also difference, develop according to social action views, e.g. interactionists including concepts such as labelling, master status and status transition: identity is shaped by interaction with others: **Goffman, Mead**

**Identity** = the way that we see and define ourselves, and how others see us

Although at its most superficial identity is the details found in our passport, in sociological terms it is complex, and different from **personality** which is psychology. Sociologists argue that while personality is fixed, **identity** can change. Particulars alter at key moments in our life, as in when we retire and lose our job, join school and move away from the ascribed (given) role in the family.

Identity is extremely important in formulating our ability to relate to others. We identify with them in terms of our similarities and differences. Identity enables us to categorise others. We often identify or define ourselves according to our ethnicity, gender, age, etc. on its basis. **Lawler** argues that identity is socially constructed and collective.

However, while identity is to some extent socially constructed, there are people, characterised as the '**inner me**' or **self**.

Not even identical twins are identical in themselves, although sociologists debate the extent to which identity is formed by early socialisation. Some sociologists tend to argue that we have a large amount of choice over our identity, while **structuralists** counter that in reality there are quite narrow restrictions on our identities on the basis of gender (feminists), social class (Marxists), etc. We are more like puppets or jelly in a mould.

We also have **multiple identities** that we use in different social settings. For instance, someone might be a lover at home, a rebel at work, a dutiful and obedient Hindu within their community, etc.



Howard **Becker**, a famous interactionist in the 1990s, introduced the concept of **master status**, a dominant identity which overrides all other identities. No matter how hard someone may try to deny it. For instance, a young person may wish to be seen as young and athletic, but will still be defined by their **master status**, old age. **Cooley** claimed that our identity is shaped by how others treat us – he called this the '**looking-glass self**'. This is important in education, where negative stereotyping can lead to **fulfilling prophecies** of failure in students.

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**Giddens** defined two types of identity:

1. **Primary identities:** These are formed early in life by socialisation in sources of identity, such as ethnicity or gender.
2. **Secondary identities:** These are created later in life by agencies such as the media. They generally link to and build on primary identities, but are more fluid.

Many factors contribute to the formation of identity which we will examine: class, gender, ethnicity, sexuality, nationality, disability, age and consumption. In these, whereas **postmodernists** such as Zygmunt **Bauman** tend to emphasise greater choice. **Bauman** also argues that many people are experiencing 'liquid' identities as things such as gender and nationality become less fixed.

**Individual or personal identity** is how we see ourselves and may differ from how others see us. It includes what **Mead** called the 'inner me'.

**Social identity** is an identity that comes from groups we are members of. **We have little choice.** It comes from the way others define us by simply including or excluding us. It includes membership of social groups (e.g. Scottish, Muslim, black) or social roles (e.g. mother, teacher).

**Collective identity** is like social identity in that it is a shared group identity. It is that it is **membership of a group that is chosen.** For instance, you might have a collective identity of being a punk, goth, etc.

**Multiple identities** refer to the fact that we assert different identities in different environments. For instance, someone might be a mother at home, a teacher at work, and a friend in their relationships. They might adopt a Hindu identity in the UK and a different one on holiday abroad.

### Stigmatised or spoiled identities

The interactionist **Goffman** wrote a lot about identity in the 1990s. He introduced the idea of a stage (a theory called '**dramaturgy**') and that we 'act' to assert identity through our behaviour and dress when we are in front of others, which he referred to as '**impression management**', trying to control the impression that the social 'audience' got of you.

However, **Goffman** also identified '**stigmatised identity**', a powerful identity that would overcome any other identities you might try to put forward, and that society would not accept. This would include characteristics such as disability, membership of a stigmatised group, etc.

Other **stigmatised identities** that stigmatised individuals put forward are '**spoiled identities**', and their impression management would fail. For instance, an elderly woman might want to assert an identity as an extrovert (e.g. **spoiled identity**) but would fail at impression management if people saw her physical impairments (e.g. disability) or social characteristics (class, etc.). All these could lead to spoiled identities.

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## Identities

Muslim

Teddy boy

Middle class

Lesbian

Irish

Good teamworker

Elderly

Father

Chav

Emo

Key:

- primary identities
- secondary identities
- social identities
- collective identities
- stigmatised identities

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## Test on identity

1. What is identity?
2. How, according to sociologists, does identity differ from personality?
3. What term do sociologists use for our unique 'inner me'?
4. Which sociologist came up with the concept of the 'inner me'?
5. What are secondary identities?
6. Who came up with the idea of a 'master status'?
7. What is the word for a group identity that we cannot choose, such as race?
8. What is the word for a group identity that we choose, such as becoming a teacher?
9. What is the word for an undesirable identity imposed on someone participating in society?
10. Which sociologist came up with this concept?

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## Lesson 9 Answers

### Test on identity answers

1. What is identity? How we define ourselves and how others see and define us
2. How, according to sociologists, does identity differ from personality? Personality is changeable.
3. What term do sociologists use for our unique 'inner me'? Self
4. Which sociologist came up with the concept of the 'inner me'? Mead
5. What are secondary identities? Identities formed by secondary socialisation. The primary identities.
6. Who came up with the idea of a 'master status'? Becker
7. What is the word for a group identity that we cannot choose, such as membership of a group? Ascribed identity
8. What is the word for a group identity that we choose, such as becoming a punk? Achieved identity
9. What is the word for an undesirable identity imposed on someone that prevents them from achieving their goals? Stigmatised identity
10. Which sociologist came up with this concept? Goffman



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## Identity

The way that we see and define ourselves, and how others see and define us

## Master

A dominant identity which overrides of others, no matter how hard one elderly pensioner might wish to be will still be identified by most w

## Primary identities

These are formed early in life by socialisation in the family and are powerful sources of identity, such as ethnicity or gender



## Second

These are created at school or work. They are based on primary identities

## Individual or personal identity

How we see ourselves; this may differ from how others see us. It includes what Mead called the 'inner me'.

## Social

An identity that comes from groups but **groups over which** we have no control. It differs from the way others see us, and includes differences, and includes (e.g. Scottish, Muslim)

## Collective identity

Like social identity in that it is a shared group identity, but the difference is that it is **membership of a group that is chosen**. For instance, you might choose to take on the collective identity of being a punk, goth, etc.

## Multiple

The fact that we assert different identities in different contexts or environments. For example, you might be a mother at home, a teacher at school, and a friend in their relationships. The fact that we are in the UK and a British citizen



## Stigmatised identity

(Goffman) a powerful undesirable identity that would overcome any other identities you might try to put forward and which could exclude you from society. This would include identities such as disability, membership of the underclass, old age, etc.

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## Lesson plan 10: Exam practice

### Lesson learning aims

To introduce and test:

- ✓ The technique for 20-mark questions.



### You will need

- ☐ Sociology textbook
- ☐ 20-mark questions
- ☐ Feedback sheet
- ☐ Planning sheet
- ☐ Planning sheet
- ☐ Peer marking sheet

### Starter

- **Revision:** Students begin by using the revision cards to revise different sociologists. The '+' column contains their interpretation, and the '-' column evaluation. Students can work in pairs or as a class. One gives the other a name and the other recalls their interpretations or evaluations.
- Alternatively, students can give details of the card and partners have to guess the sociologist.
- Students could play 20 questions to work out the sociologist that they are thinking of.

### Main

#### Teacher talks:

Introduce the idea that the 20-mark questions are important and will have a significant impact on the A Level result. Outline the format, an item to be used to lead into extending the 20-mark question with the writing frame.

Then work as a class to plan it. Using 'show me' mini whiteboards can be used to share ideas to share as a class here. You and the students can then select the best ideas to use in the 20-mark question.

I'd recommend the following stages in the planning process:

1. Underline the key words in the question – 'socialisation process'. The students can then discuss their points.
2. Fill in the introduction box by defining the key term in the question.
3. Read the item and underline useful quotes.
4. Students use the quotes from the item to help them write four points. The points need to refer to the item.
5. Next use the revision cards (the + columns) to add in accurate evidence to the paragraphs. Students should select cards that relate to the points and the evidence on the cards comes from material on the topic, so students can use it to support their points.
6. Next use the revision cards (the - columns) to add evaluation to the paragraphs.
7. Next fill in the mini-conclusions for each paragraph – do they find the socialisation process in this paragraph convincing or not?
8. Finally fill in the conclusion – they can use their mini-conclusions to support the explanation of socialisation that they find most convincing. The students can then discuss their conclusions.

Students then write the essay in timed conditions (30 minutes) in a sub-plan. They can then discuss their essay together and using this to write the essay is a good way to approach it. If you would rather give them an unseen assessment, use one of the questions in the plenary activity instead.

Students should then mark their own or their partner's assessments using the marking sheet.

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**Class debate:** This debate is based on the essay question and aims to further writing the essay in a subsequent lesson. Begin with a four corners activity. Students strongly disagree, disagree, agree or strongly agree with the statement 'The internet is a positive thing'. This is the functionalist argument from the item.

Students then separate into two teams, those who agree and disagree. They discuss the question. A good way is to alternate points between the two teams. They must have an accurate piece of knowledge and can steal points by contradicting (winning) the points of their opponents. Points can be deducted for shouting out.

**Planning carousel:** Students are given one of the planning carousel cards and should fill it in. They then swap it with another item and do the same. They do the same for the final item to rapidly practise the technique for the 20-mark question.

**Revision card activities:** In pairs, students pick a revision card each. They discuss and argue their perspective against their partner's.

Students pick a revision card and try to pick another one that is linked to it. Students pick a revision card and then try to pick another one that contradicts it.

**Feedback in subsequent lesson:** Students read the model paragraph and discuss it about it: focus on the question, use of the item and precise knowledge. Students then identify what is bad about it: no analysis or evaluation of the item.

Students then use their revision cards to add analysis, evaluation, and a conclusion.

Students then add to and improve their (now marked) answers as appropriate.

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Émile Durkheim Functionalist	
<p><b>+</b></p> <p>Socialisation vital to prevent chaos</p> <p>Schools = 'societies in miniature'</p> <p>Religion builds value consensus</p> <p>Macro approach</p> <p>Consensus structuralist</p> <p>Collective conscience</p> <p>Social cohesion</p> <p>Job provides identity</p> <p>Nationality provides collective conscience</p> <p>Value consensus</p>	<p><b>-</b></p> <p>Deterministic</p> <p>Ignores class and gender inequality</p> <p>Garfinkel: 'social dopes'</p> <p>Religion arguably less important in modern Britain</p> <p>When Durkheim wrote 100 years ago</p>
Karl Marx Marxist	
<p><b>+</b></p> <p>Proletariat</p> <p>Bourgeoisie</p> <p>Religion keeps proletariat from class consciousness = 'the opium of the masses'</p> <p>Macro approach</p> <p>Conflict structuralist</p> <p>Revolution</p> <p>Communism</p> <p>Base</p> <p>Superstructure</p>	<p><b>-</b></p> <p>Deterministic</p> <p>Ignores gender</p> <p>Garfinkel: 'social dopes'</p>
Erving Goffman Interactionist	
<p><b>+</b></p> <p>Proletariat</p> <p>Impression management</p> <p>Stigmatised identity</p> <p>Spoiled identity</p> <p>Psychiatric hospital resocialisation</p> <p>Micro approach</p> <p>Dramaturgy</p>	<p><b>-</b></p> <p>Ignores limitations of class, gender, etc.</p>

Talcott Parsons Functionalism
<p><b>+</b></p> <p>'Organic analogy' - a body with different parts functioning like a machine</p> <p>Ascribed status</p> <p>Achieved status</p> <p>Particularistic</p> <p>Universalistic</p> <p>Overt curriculum</p> <p>Hidden curriculum</p> <p>Functional perspective</p> <p>Macro approach</p> <p>Consensus structuralist</p>
Pierre Bourdieu
<p><b>+</b></p> <p>Education legitimises social hierarchy</p> <p>hegemony</p> <p>Media = socialisation</p> <p>High culture</p> <p>Macro approach</p> <p>Conflict structuralist</p> <p>Habitus</p> <p>Cultural capital</p> <p>Social capital</p>
<p><b>+</b></p> <p>Religion supports social order</p> <p>Ideological state apparatus</p> <p>Status quo</p> <p>Macro approach</p> <p>Conflict structuralist</p>

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George Mead Interactionist		Hornby Interactionist	
<p><b>+</b></p> <p>Children's self-concept</p> <p>Inner me</p> <p>Micro approach</p> <p>Tchambuli</p>	<p><b>-</b></p> <p>Ignores limitations of class, gender, etc.</p>	<p><b>+</b></p> <p>Labelling</p> <p>Master status</p> <p>Micro approach</p>	
Charles Cooley Interactionist		Pollock Interactionist	
<p><b>+</b></p> <p>Looking-glass self</p> <p>Seen</p> <p>Social instruction</p> <p>Micro approach</p>	<p><b>-</b></p> <p>Ignores limitations of class, gender, etc.</p>	<p><b>+</b></p> <p>Homogenisation</p> <p>mass and high culture</p> <p>Graffiti of Banksy in galleries for thousands</p>	
Zaretsky Marxist		Althusser Marxist	
<p><b>+</b></p> <p>Nuclear family prepares for work</p> <p>Macro approach</p> <p>Conflict structuralist</p> <p>Obedience</p> <p>Capitalist socialisation</p>	<p><b>-</b></p> <p>Ignores diversity of modern families</p>	<p><b>+</b></p> <p>Primary socialisation</p> <p>Female subservient</p> <p>Sex class</p> <p>Macro approach</p> <p>Conflict structuralist</p> <p>Canalisation</p> <p>Manipulation</p> <p>Verbal appeal</p> <p>Differential access to exposure</p>	
Frankfurt School Neo-Marxists		Dore Neo-Marxists	
<p><b>+</b></p> <p>Popular culture replaces folk culture</p> <p>Mass production for profit</p> <p>Final exploitation of proletariat</p> <p>Commodity fetishism</p> <p>Media replace family in socialisation</p>	<p><b>-</b></p> <p>Dehumanisation</p> <p>Ignores gender</p>	<p><b>+</b></p> <p>Media-saturated</p> <p>Popular culture dominant and worthy of study</p> <p>Popular and high culture mixed</p> <p>Pluralist</p> <p>Social media allow choice of identity</p>	

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Read **Item A** below and answer the question that follows.

Structuralist sociologists have emphasised the role of the socialisation process. From the functionalist perspective the agencies of socialisation are shared values and language so that we can function harmoniously. For the agencies of socialisation instead enforce the hegemony of the upper class. Therefore, socialisation is seen as negative and leading to repression and conformity.

Applying material from **Item A** and your knowledge, evaluate sociological views of the socialisation process. [20 marks]

**Introduction:** Explain the question and key terms in it.

Point 1	
Agreeing or disagreeing with the question – you may refer to <b>the item</b>	
very good <b>evidence/</b> knowledge	
appropriate <b>analysis</b> <i>'In other words...'</i> <i>'Put simply...'</i> <i>'However...'</i> <i>'On the other hand...'</i>	
Mini-conclusion <b>linking back</b> to the question	


Point 2	
Agreeing or disagreeing with the question – you may refer to <b>the item</b>	
very good <b>evidence/</b> knowledge	
appropriate <b>analysis</b> <i>'In other words...'</i> <i>'Put simply...'</i> <i>'However...'</i> <i>'On the other hand...'</i>	
Mini-conclusion <b>linking back</b> to the question	

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Point 3	
Agreeing or disagreeing with the question – you may refer to <b>the item</b>	
very good <b>evidence/</b> knowledge	
appropriate <b>analysis</b> <i>'In other words...'</i> <i>'Put simply...'</i> <i>'However...'</i> <i>'On the other hand...'</i>	
Mini-conclusion <b>linking back</b> to the question	

Point 4	
Agreeing or disagreeing with the question – you may refer to <b>the item</b>	
very good <b>evidence/</b> knowledge	
appropriate <b>analysis</b> <i>'In other words...'</i> <i>'Put simply...'</i> <i>'However...'</i> <i>'On the other hand...'</i>	
Mini-conclusion <b>linking back</b> to the question	

Conclusion  Come to a judgement on the question.
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## Planning carousel question

1. Read **Item B** below and answer the question that follows.

Functionalists have argued that the socialisation process plays a vital role in society. Without socialisation, individuals would not be able to function properly as they need shared values, roles and norms to predict the behaviour of people in society. This is particularly important in getting young people to adapt from the values of the family to fit in with society more broadly.

Applying material from **Item B** and your knowledge, evaluate socialisation process. [20 marks]

2. Read **Item C** below and answer the question that follows.

Many sociologists have downplayed the role of the agencies of socialisation. This is known as the social action or interactionist approach, and emphasises that individuals choose their own identities and fight against the influence of socialisation. Interactionist action theories argue that we choose our identities in reaction to the social environment. Other sociologists have stressed individuals' almost complete freedom to choose their identity and project it into society as a sort of performance.

Applying material from **Item C** and your knowledge, evaluate socialisation process. [20 marks]

3. Read **Item D** below and answer the question that follows.

Feminists argue that the agencies of socialisation are deeply patriarchal and that we are heavily influenced by the agencies of socialisation with family, media and education so on all defining and limiting women's gender roles and opportunities. Some feminist theorists argue that women are not simply moulded or manipulated but actively rebel against traditional gender roles.

Applying material from **Item D** and your knowledge, evaluate socialisation process. [20 marks]

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Planning carousel table

Item	Quote (minimum two)	Good knowledge of sociologists who agree	Good knowledge of sociologists who disagree	Conclusion: Your opinion
B				
C				

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## 20 mark essay question mark scheme

Applying material from Item A and your own knowledge, evaluate...

Level	Description
5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Knowledge applied <b>accurately</b> and with <b>sensitivity</b> to issues</li> <li><b>Very good, conceptually detailed</b> knowledge</li> <li><b>Sophisticated understanding</b> of the question and material</li> <li><b>Explicit</b> and <b>relevant analysis</b> and <b>evaluation</b></li> <li>Evaluation developed by (for example) <b>debate between</b> different perspectives</li> <li>Appropriate <b>conclusion</b> developed</li> </ul>
4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Knowledge is <b>relevant</b> to the question, although not fully developed</li> <li><b>Very good, deep</b> knowledge but <b>incomplete</b></li> <li><b>Reasonably good understanding</b> of the <b>material in the item</b></li> <li><b>Some, limited explicit</b> evaluation</li> <li>Evaluation developed by (for example) <b>different perspectives</b></li> <li><b>Analysis</b> developed by <b>clear explanation</b> of some of the issues</li> </ul>
3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Lists knowledge from relevant topic area but <b>not relevant</b></li> <li><b>small amount</b> of mostly relevant material</li> <li><b>Accurate</b> knowledge but <b>little range or depth</b></li> <li><b>Superficial understanding</b> of the <b>material in the item</b></li> <li><b>Limited</b> evaluation</li> <li>Juxtaposes competing positions or isolated points</li> <li><b>Analysis</b> is limited with answer <b>mostly descriptive</b></li> </ul>
2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Limited suitable knowledge and <b>not relevant to question</b></li> <li><b>Limited undeveloped</b> knowledge</li> <li><b>Simplistic understanding</b> of the <b>material in the item</b></li> <li><b>Very little or no</b> evaluation or analysis</li> </ul>
1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Significant <b>errors or omissions</b> in knowledge</li> <li><b>Very limited</b> knowledge, e.g. one or two very insubstantial points</li> <li><b>Little or no understanding</b> of the <b>material in the item</b></li> <li><b>Minimal or no</b> evaluation or analysis</li> </ul>
0	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No relevant points</li> </ul>

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## Feedback on 20-mark question

Applying material from **Item A** and your knowledge, evaluate sociological theories of the socialisation process. [20 marks]

What is good about this paragraph? How could it be improved for the next question?

The item argues that 'from the functionalist perspective the agencies of socialisation are all doing the same thing'. Durkheim saw socialisation as vital in creating a shared value system in a society to function harmoniously. He particularly valued religion in creating a shared moral code and also emphasised the role of schools as 'societies in miniature'. For Durkheim, schools were teaching students the value of hard work and the acceptance of bureaucracy, thus creating them good citizens. The item also mentions that socialisation creates a shared moral code. Talcott Parsons, a functionalist, emphasised the role of education in socialisation. For Parsons, while primary socialisation in the family gave children a sense of moral values, secondary socialisation created particularistic values and ascribed status. Secondary socialisation in schools created universalistic values that allowed children to integrate into society and the need to earn or achieve status through hard work.

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## Lesson plan 11: Identity and soc

### Lesson learning aims

- ✓ To introduce social class
- ✓ To understand different sociologists' perspectives on class



### You will need:

- ☐ Lesson 11 handout
- ☐ Lesson 11 handout
- ☐ Lesson 11 notes
- ☐ Class cards
- ☐ 20-mark question
- ☐ 20-mark question

### Starter

- **Guess the five:** Students have to write down five social classes. They are upper class, middle class, working class and underclass. You can add the new working class.
- **Speculation:** Give the students or put on the board three statistics: 9%. Students speculate on the significance of the statistics before **class differences** – the top 20% earn seven times as much as the bottom 20% live on average seven years longer than the bottom 20%; the only 9% of wealth.

### Main

#### Teacher talks:

Outline the idea of social class and objective differences in class. The Top clip on class, available on YouTube, also makes a nice introduction. You can also mention the new social classes that have arguably emerged since the sketch was made – the new upper class and underclass respectively.

#### Handouts:

Students are given the sheet with boxes on it – they must then put these boxes (which have been best photocopied onto A3) either by copying or cutting and sticking. They must then put the relevant class, and put sociologists' perspectives into the analysis/evaluation boxes. This can be done by putting some of the information in the boxes on the board and giving students flashcards to indicate the class that they relate to.

Students then read over and mark the notes handout. They can then discuss the importance of class by marking a cross on the line at the end of the line with an arrow pointing to the class.



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**Class party:** Students are given a class card. They then individually come to a social class including name, gender, occupation, aspirations, education and go to the party. They move around the room mingling, asking questions to establish their class. You can play some stereotypically upper-class/middle-class music to create a mood.

After the party you can then ask the students to feed back on who they met or analysis. Finally, you can get students to line up in continua according to their class.

**Class debate:**

Begin with a four corners activity for the statement 'Class is no longer relevant'. Students strongly disagree, disagree, agree or strongly agree with the statement. Divide into two teams, those who agree and those who disagree.

They should then debate the question as in Lesson 10.

**Exam practice:**

Students can then plan, prepare and write the 20-mark question on the plenary again be peer-marked using the mark scheme from Lesson 10.

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Risks and lack of prospects of their work led to a culture of <b>instant gratification</b> (taking pleasure and spending now rather than planning for the future).		Group rights hierarchy excluded
Traditionally made up of royalty, dukes and aristocracy, with inherited wealth and titles	A controversial ideas of <b>Charles Right</b>	
Declined since the 1970s and has almost disappeared in many places	Includes entertainment Paul McCartney	
Has twice the chance of their children dying in the first year of life	Self-employed who are highly work-focused	
Reliance on crime and benefits	High levels of parenthood	
Live on average seven years longer than lowest class		
The financial and creative middle class are often young and well off. They indulge in leisure activities such as clubbing, restaurants and designer drugs and project an image of high earning and consuming.		Democracy the most often work middle
Six out of 10 Britons today see themselves as part of this class	The top 20% of times as much	
The traditional culture includes intermarriage, private school education at boarding schools such as Eton and Harrow, universities education at Oxford and Cambridge, high 'cultural capital', old boy networks and a sense of leadership and superiority.	The Marxist <b>Bourgeoisie</b> impose their hierarchical framework that socialisation, in accent, knowledge high cultural to classes who see	
Men act as breadwinners while women act as homemakers.		For an

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Also includes the owners of industry, those who have made wealth themselves, e.g. Sir Alan Sugar	Traditionally in domestic service, leisure activities hunting and horse
A stigmatised identity	Have a sense of class struggle the bosses and associated with
Based above all in Scotland and the North of England around industries such as mining, dockwork, iron and steel, shipbuilding and fishing	
Defined by non-manual work, often involving	Identity based choices
Participate in popular and folk culture and use swearing as terms of endearment	<u>Willis</u> argued that identity, and skills for more important than
Hard to generalise about because they are very <b>heterogeneous</b> (varied) in terms of income and outlook	According to <u>B</u> <b>cultural capital</b> to success in education in general.
Emphasis on education (including private education), effort, 'future orientation', self-interest, high culture and personal health	Includes as a teacher
This group began developing in the 1960s and is larger today than the traditional working class.	Work is a way of life rather than defining identity
Includes the ' <i>nouveau riche</i> ' (new rich) whose money is not inherited. They may copy the habits of the traditional upper class but may also be rejected as too vulgar and lacking cultural capital.	<u>Lawler</u> developed <b>habitus</b> to argue that it is important for the traditional white working class with contempt
The lower middle class includes <b>white-collar workers</b> and routine clerical occupations.	Managers who have their identity on consumption and leisure. They have more refinement, high culture

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The upper class	The middle class
Knowledge	Knowledge

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The working class		The underclass
Traditional Knowledge	New Knowledge	Knowledge

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## Class cards

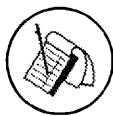
Upper class	Upper class	Middle class
Middle class	Middle class	Middle class
New working class	Middle class	New working class
New working class	New working class	New working class
Traditional working class	Traditional working class	Traditional working class
Traditional working class	Underclass	Underclass

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# The relationship of identity to social class in c



## Specification area 4

- ✓ The relationship of identity to social class in contemporary
- ✓ How individuals are socialised into the social constructs of
- ✓ How an individual's experiences and sense of identity are
- ✓ Their relative importance and the extent to which social class in contemporary society

## Social class

Social class is a group defined by a similar **economic situation or wealth** but subjective (a matter of perception) but related to work, education (private vs public) etc. **Marxists** emphasise its importance and see it as having a major impact on society.

The **upper class** (aristocracy) are a small group who are the **main owners of wealth** in capitalist societies, and do not have to work.

The **middle class** (known as the **bourgeoisie** for Marxists) is a larger class who do often skilled and **non-manual work**: Professions, office work, ICT, etc.

The **working class** (known as the **proletariat** for Marxists) are globally and **do physical, manual work**: labouring, factories, manufacturing, skilled or unskilled.

The **underclass** are a small class who have been more recently identified. They do not work and are arguably **excluded from society due to reliance on benefits and stereotyping**.

## Social class and identity

Most societies are **stratified** (divided into layers) according to social class. Details of this. For instance, **Marxists** have tended to focus in the modern world with the **bourgeoisie** oppressing the **proletariat** rather than the four-tiered system.

There is a debate today over how far class remains relevant, with **postmodernists** arguing that people of all classes in the West have the freedom to choose their identity. There is clear evidence of its importance.

**Objective (clear factual) differences** between the rich and poor social classes. The richest 20% of society earns seven times as much as the poorest 20%, live longer and have a 50% lower level of infant mortality. **Marxists** would argue that the poorer 50% of Britons own only 9% of the nation's wealth.

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However, there are also less obvious **subjective differences** in class, part of which we can see in the way we dress, talk, and act. We can project and make assumptions about identity on the basis of class as the way we speak, such as accent, leisure choices, profession, etc. **Socialisation** plays an important role in the formation of class identity, with **family** and **education** particularly important sources.

The Marxist Pierre **Bourdieu** saw the cultural framework that classes adopt as **habitus**. This is developed during socialisation, and the hegemonic ruling class is superior in order to preserve their dominance. It includes things as varied as **culture** such as the opera, knowing which cutlery to use, and speaking in a certain way.

**Bourdieu** referred to the **habitus** of the ruling class as **cultural capital**, which they can achieve highly in education and life just as much as their **economic capital**. The middle and upper classes develop this through reading, attending the arts, and other activities overlooked in proletarian families. He argued that the upper class also has **social capital** through connections built up through private schools and universities such as Oxbridge, which the lower class lacks. Their **cultural capital** but which might be absent for the bourgeoisie, the lower class were condemned to be deprived of both cultural and social capital.

Socialisation into different class subcultures and identities begins at an early age through **education, peer groups, etc.** Seeing as it is subjective, it is sometimes hard to define social class categories, although most Britons have a strong feeling of what they are.

## Upper-class subculture and identity

The **upper class** was historically made up of the **traditional upper class** who inherited titles and wealth, such as the Queen or Duke of Westminster. Other groups, the **owners of industry** or '**nouveau riche**' ('new rich') such as the **more recently, wealthy entertainment superstars** such as the Beckhams etc. For Marxists, these groups are united by their **ownership of wealth** and as the **bourgeoisie**, they no longer need to work.

The culture of the upper class is traditionally defined by the aristocracy, expensive education at private boarding schools such as Cheltenham Ladies College (£32,000 a year), followed by Oxbridge, intermarriage, high cultural appreciation, and social capital (**Bourdieu**) from old boys' networks, and an innate sense of entitlement. They traditionally included periods in the military (such as Prince William) and taking part in expensive, exclusive leisure pursuits such as hunting and polo.

The '**nouveau riche**' may attempt to imitate the cultural habitus of the traditional upper class through expensive private school education for their children, but may still find it difficult to overcome their lack of cultural and social capital.

## Middle-class subculture and identity

The middle class are a much more diverse (**heterogeneous**) group and have changed a lot over the century, to the extent that many would now see them as the largest social group in the country. Unlike the upper class, the middle class (**bourgeoisie**) do have to work, unlike the lower class (**proletariat**) they do so in non-manual work.

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Common features of middle-class socialisation that arguably differ from the working class are the importance of education (including private education, but less likely for the working class) and core values of effort, ambition, self-interest, health and fitness.

As a result of this, Barry **Sugarman** showed how middle-class children were better for school, where they then tended to succeed. Their values of doing well (and now to succeed in the future) meant that they tended to put in more effort in school subcultures and spoke in the sophisticated language (**elaborated code**) of success. Working-class children, by contrast, had a culture of **instant gratification** so worked less and formed anti-school subcultures (such as **Willis's** group). The middle class along with their more basic **restricted code** of language, condemned the working class but maintained the importance of the class system in shaping identity and life chances.

**Lawler** has argued that many in the middle class see their **habitus** as more sophisticated, distinguishing them from the working class, who are ridiculed and seen as less sophisticated.

The middle class was traditionally made up of **professionals**, such as lawyers, doctors, accountants, who are highly educated, value education and have high levels of income. As well as **managers** who earn good wages and define their identity through sports and leisure activities. The individualistic and work-focused **self-employed** have joined the group, as has the **young creative and financial middle class** joining the group. These groups have different leisure activities and high levels of consumption, such as clubbing and shopping.

The **lower middle class** includes people who work in low-skilled jobs in the public sector but who have much in common culturally with the **new working class**, such as a sense of collective identity through membership of trade unions such as the NHS.

## Working-class subculture and identity

The working class is still arguably the largest social class in Britain, with around 30% of the population as members of the group. It is made up of those that do **manual and physical work**, which is declining as more manual jobs are becoming automated and as Britain moves towards a **post-industrial economy**. This has led some sociologists to speak of a decline of the working class, but others have seen the class as diversifying and splitting into the **traditional and 'new' working class**.

### Traditional working class

The traditional working class has been defined by a strong sense of **collective class identity**, built around traditional industries such as coal-mining, fishing and farming. It has been based, above all, in cities in the north of England and Scotland (Glasgow, Liverpool, Manchester, etc.) and was associated with strong support for trade unions and the Labour Party. However, many sociologists argue that the **traditional working class is now declining** because these traditional industries have declined in Britain since the 1970s.

Within the traditional working class there was/is a tight sense of community, and men fulfil hegemonic (stereotypical) gender roles, acting as breadwinners, while women act as homemakers. **Willis** argued in his study of 'the lads' in *Learning to Labour*, that

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work and skills for a job were far more highly valued by the traditional working class, which accounted for the poor performance of the working class in schools. They claimed that the traditional working class were defined by a sense of struggle against a system they felt oppressed by society. They claimed that the middle class negatively affected the working class as lazy in order to justify an immoral and unfair system.

**Parker** argued that the working class, who often carry out dangerous and manual work (e.g. mining and fishing) adopt an attitude of opposition towards their work and seek gratification (heavy drinking, etc.) in their leisure in order to forget their work. The working class also engage with popular and folk culture (brass bands, etc.) and seek a sense of endearment. Sociologists have also seen the traditional working class as fatalistic, where the future is determined and they have no chance of changing it. As a result, they are more **present-orientated** rather than **future-orientated** like middle-class counterparts.

### 'New' working class

The 'new' working class was first identified in the 1960s and **has eclipsed the traditional working class in size** as it has declined from the 1970s. It differs in that it **lacks the sense of identity** of the traditional working class, being more centred on the home and consumption. It engages with popular culture but not goes to work as a source of identity. It is more likely to **have both men and women working**, as opposed to the more traditional working class.

### Underclass subculture and imposed identity

The American **New Right** sociologist **Charles Murray** has developed the concept of the 'underclass'. This is a group at the bottom of society's hierarchy, linked to crime, who do not work and are instead defined by reliance on benefits and criminal activity. He criticises **meritocracy** and blames the underclass for their plight due to their idleness and also blames their development on the growth in benefit systems, the breakdown of families and a rise in lone parenthood.

The underclass can be seen as a **stigmatised identity**, cut off from those in the mainstream and excluded from day-to-day life by poverty and stereotyping. The underclass is portrayed in the media (e.g. *Shameless*, *Benefits Street*) as obese, ignorant, violent and criminal. The middle class, who demonise them as 'chavs' and often confuse them with the working class, also suffer from high levels of school exclusion and educational failure.

### Does class still matter?

Although we have seen a good deal of evidence above to suggest that class still matters, some argue that it is no longer relevant (although they would admit that it still has an impact on identity recently). **Postmodernists** argue that identity has now become more complex (e.g. **Bradley**), combining ethnicity, gender and age, as well as emphasising **multiple** and **mix** identities, irrespective of class.

For postmodernists, **consumption** (what you buy and do with your leisure time) is more important than class and production (jobs). **Saunders** has argued that old class divisions are disappearing in modern, meritocratic society, and that leisure activities are no longer class-specific. The traditional working-class pursued folk culture, popular culture is now more accessible, and of **globalisation**, and all classes can access high culture via the Internet.

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**Marshall** has argued that there is still a strong sense of working-class identity, but this is more subjective because traditional working-class industries have declined.

Nevertheless, the vast majority of Britons (95%) still associate themselves with a social class, suggesting that at a subjective level class remains extremely relevant. More objectively, material differences still remain strong. They would point to the prevalence of Oxbridge-educated figures in government (Theresa May, Boris Johnson) and in certain professions (law, army officers, journalism, etc.).

They would also disagree with **postmodernists** over the supposed freedom of choice in identity, countering that leisure choices are in fact severely limited by material conditions and social capital, which are strongly linked to class.

**Make a mark on the line below and fill in the box to explain your judgement on whether you think class still matters.**

*No longer matters*

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**Now explain your judgement**

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Read **Item A** below and answer the question that follows.

Marxists claim that class is still a hugely important source of identity in the working class remain condemned to educational underachievement and. Meanwhile, those at the top control wealth and impose their culture on the has decreased in recent years. Others, particularly postmodernists, would large element of choice over our identity. New classes have emerged and

Applying material from **Item A** and your knowledge, evaluate sociology class in shaping identity. [20 marks]

**Introduction:** Explain the question and key terms in it.

Point 1	
Agreeing or disagreeing with the question – you may refer to <b>the item</b>	
very good <b>evidence/</b> knowledge	
appropriate <b>analysis</b> <i>'In other words...'</i> <i>'Put simply...'</i> <i>'However...'</i> <i>'On the other hand...'</i>	
Mini-conclusion <b>linking back</b> to the question	

Point 2	
Agreeing or disagreeing with the question – you may refer to <b>the item</b>	
very good <b>evidence/</b> knowledge	
appropr <b>analysis</b> <i>'In other words...'</i> <i>'Put simply...'</i> <i>'However...'</i> <i>'On the other hand...'</i>	
Mini-conclusion <b>linking back</b> to the question	

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Point 3	
Agreeing or disagreeing with the question – you may refer to <b>the item</b>	
very good <b>evidence/</b> knowledge	
appropriate <b>analysis</b> <i>'In other words...'</i> <i>'Put simply...'</i> <i>'However...'</i> <i>'On the other hand...'</i>	
Mini-conclusion <b>linking back</b> to the question	

Point 4	
Agreeing or disagreeing with the question – you may refer to <b>the item</b>	
very good <b>evidence/</b> knowledge	
appropriate <b>analysis</b> <i>'In other words...'</i> <i>'Put simply...'</i> <i>'However...'</i> <i>'On the other hand...'</i>	
Mini-conclusion <b>linking back</b> to the question	

**Conclusion:** Give your judgement on the question.

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## Lesson plan 12: Identity and Gender

### Lesson learning aims

To:

- ✓ Introduce the role of gender in forming identity
- ✓ Understand different sociologists' views on gender



### You will need:

- ☐ Selection of magazines to be told to bring these
- ☐ A3 paper
- ☐ Lesson 12 notes handout
- ☐ 10-mark question written from Lesson 3

### Starter

- **Classroom activity:** You could place pink and blue sheets on the tables at random. Students sit – whether the boys sit with the blue and the girls with the pink. Discuss the association between girls and pink is only a recent invention historically. Introduce the idea of hegemonic and non-hegemonic gender identities from (primary socialisation, etc.).
- **2-mark questions:** Students can then answer, against the clock, two minutes each. Firstly 'Define the term "gender"', then 'Using one example, explain the difference between sex and gender'.

### Main

#### Teacher talks:

Reinforce the difference between sex (biological and mostly fixed) and gender (socially constructed and changeable). You could use the case study of the Tchambuli tribe, where male Western 'homemaker' gender roles and women carry out hegemonic 'breadwinner' gender roles.

#### Handouts:

Students then read over and highlight the notes handout, either individually or in pairs.

Students then take an A3 sheet and divide it into four quadrants. The top left is the male, the top right is the female, the top is hegemonic and the bottom non-hegemonic:

	Male	Female
Hegemonic		
Non-hegemonic		

Students go through the magazines and newspapers and stick images according to whether they show male or female, hegemonic or non-hegemonic. They can then add on labels with key terms and sociologists where appropriate.

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**Triad debates:** Students are grouped in threes and assigned a letter, A, B or C. A series of two-minute debates in threes. One student argues for the importance of socialisation against a second with the third judging. The debates last two minutes. Each student takes turns to speak and rebut their opponent's argument. The winner is decided on the basis of the level of knowledge and analysis, awarding bonus marks to the winner and sociologists.

A suggested sequence of three debates could be:

**Debate 1:**

A: Family is a greater influence than the peer group in forming gender identity.

B: Peer group is a greater influence than the family in forming gender identity.

C: Judge

**Debate 2:**

A: Judge

B: The media are a greater influence than school in forming gender identity.

C: School is a greater influence than the media in forming gender identity.

**Debate 3:**

A: The media are a greater influence than family in forming gender identity.

B: Judge

C: Family is a greater influence than the media in forming gender identity.

**AS / A Level question carousel:** Answer the question 'Outline and explain how gender affects identity.' [10 marks]

Students write the first paragraph in seven minutes (they can use the worksheet for help if you want).

Students then swap answers, correct the first paragraph and then write the second paragraph.

Students swap again and mark the answers using the mark scheme.

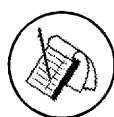
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# The relationship of identity to gender in con

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## Specification area 4

- ✓ The relationship of identity to gender in contemporary soc
- ✓ **McRobbie**
- ✓ How individuals are socialised into the social constructs of
- ✓ How an individual's experiences and sense of identity are
- ✓ Their relative importance and the extent to which these fac
- contemporary society

Sociologists differentiate between **sex**, the biological, born difference bet evident at birth and the same then to all over, and **gender**, which is the s role associated with being male and female, which varies in different cul Margaret Mead identified a tribe called the **Tchambuli** in New Guinea. Western hegemonic male role of being aggressive and competitive. Men wore jewellery to make themselves look attractive, cared for children and sho hegemonic Western gender roles.

For **feminists** in particular this **sex stratification**, the division of society with men dominating women, is more important than the **class stratification** and still has a major impact on women's life chances.

Many **feminists** emphasise that **gender identities** (how men and women and others) remain fixed in the West and support **patriarchy**, the dominance of men. **Hegemonic (fixed) gender identities are very hard for men and women to change** by contrast, would emphasise, as with class, the possibilities that women can challenge aspects of gender identity and that traditional **hegemonic gender identities are particularly in the West**.

## Hegemonic gender identities

Male	
Connell defined hegemonic masculinity as including characteristics such as strength, rationality, aggression and sexual dominance. Men were the head of the household, task orientated and enjoyed leisure activities such as DIY, and were less emotional and tended to play less of a role in childcare.	<b>Hegemonic femininity</b> includes characteristics such as fragility, less competitiveness. Women that were aggressive were labelled as 'slappers', whereas men were 'studs'.
Men are more competitive and still tend to dominate the workplace – 18% of men work in managerial roles compared to 11% of women, and the majority of men at the top of many professions (e.g. judges) remain male.	Women tended to be more involved in shopping and preparing food and housework (domestic labour).  <b>Feminists</b> have also argued that women are encouraged to focus on their appearance, domesticity, grooming, dieting

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## The role of the agencies of socialisation in creating gender identity

Feminists emphasise the role of all of the agencies of socialisation in powerfully maintaining these hegemonic gender identities from very early in life during primary socialisation, which are then reinforced by secondary agencies such as education, religion, the media, etc. These combine, they would argue, to leave people with little choice over gender identities.

### Primary socialisation: the family

The feminist **Ana Oakley** extensively researched the role of primary socialisation in reinforcing gender roles, arguing that parents and carers unconsciously reinforce gender roles in the earliest years in four ways:

1. **MANIPULATION:** Children are encouraged to behave in certain ways and discouraged from acting in different ways which are portrayed as **deviant**. For instance, girls are encouraged to wear dresses and discouraged from shouting or behaving boisterously, reinforcing a feminine identity. Boys, by contrast, are **manipulated** to be tough and aggressive.
2. **CANALISATION:** Boys' and girls' interests are channelled into different areas with toys. For instance, boys might be encouraged to play with toys that involve (aggression) or construction toys such as Lego, whereas girls might be encouraged to play with dolls (future maternal roles), Barbies or dressing up (concern with appearance). These interests are developed further as boys and girls are encouraged to imitate adult male and female role-models respectively.
3. **VERBAL APPELLATION:** The language that adults use to praise boys and girls – 'what a strong boy', 'don't you look pretty', 'aren't you kind' – further reinforces the roles expected of boys and girls.
4. **DIFFERENTIAL ACTIVITY EXPOSURE:** Boys and girls are involved in different household and hobbies. For instance, boys might wash the car, girls might go to boxing (aggressive), whereas girls might dance (refinement).

Gender socialisation creates **gender codes** which most children seem to follow according to **Stretham**. These include colour codes (blue for boys and pink for girls), play rough games, girls more cooperatively, and later, control codes, where girls are more closely on where and when they go out as teenagers than boys.

There is also an important link between gender role socialisation and social class. For instance, working class and Asian families may encourage more traditional gender roles.

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## Secondary socialisation: school/education

Most sociologists would argue that school is **highly gendered** (experiences of male or female).

While there is an argument that **boys are now disadvantaged in schools**, girls at all levels, **feminists** would argue that school still plays a major role in reinforcing **gender roles**.

For instance, the **hidden curriculum** (things not taught on the official timetable) tends to favour boys, with more emphasis on technical subjects such as Fine Art and Food Technology, while girls dominate classes in Physics and IT, which lead to higher paid jobs.

**Skelton** argues that school 'both creates new stereotypes while also reinforcing old ones'. Gender roles are also reinforced by sport (e.g. football for boys and dance for girls).

Teachers, meanwhile, uphold patriarchy by allowing more disruption from boys than girls. Boys spend twice as much time with male students as females. Boys also dominate classrooms by sprawling on chairs.

**Ethnicity also interacted with school** in creating gender roles. For instance, some black girls challenged the idea of male dominance of the primary school curriculum.

## Secondary socialisation: the peer group

The role of the peer group acts in tandem with the role of school to reinforce gender roles. In primary school, boys and girls sit in separate groups in the classroom and police age. For instance, the insult 'girly' is used by boys from a young age.

Those seen as acting in gender-deviant ways may find themselves excluded or teased. Meanwhile, sexual gender stereotypes of male aggression and dominance are reinforced. Promiscuous boys being celebrated as 'studs' and promiscuous girls being labelled as 'sluts'. For girls this becomes a strong **spoiled identity** leading to criticism from male peers.

Paul **Willis's** (1977) study of working class 'lads' in school in *Learning to Labour* found that boys pursued girls before dumping them on the basis that they were not good enough to have sex with them.

## Secondary socialisation: religion

The role of religion as a source of socialisation is declining due to secularisation (declining religious belief and practice) in many Western societies. New religious movements have tended to reinforce patriarchy and traditional gender roles through practices (e.g. the burka, taboos around menstruation and childbirth), etc.

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## Secondary socialisation: the media

The role of the media, in contrast to religion, is increasing in today's media. Joan **Smith** argued in *Different for girls* that gender differences are culturally constructed, exposing children to gender stereotypes from a young age in the form of princesses for girls and soldiers for boys, which are then reinforced by Hollywood movies. Movies often portray women as helpless, weak and in domestic roles.

**Wolf** investigated the role of commercials in creating gender roles, and found that men were more obsessed with appearance and idealised body shapes. Advertising often emphasises the 'beauty myth', which suggests that women are only valued for their appearance. **Tebbel** (2000) found 10 times as many articles on weight loss in magazines for women as for men. In general, male magazines focus on practical pursuits such as cars or technology, while female magazines define women more according to their sexual attractiveness or relationships. **McRobbie**, however, found in her study of *Jackie* and *Just Seventeen* magazines that the 1970s were very much focused on relationships and the 'top shelf', but by the 1990s there were many more images of successful women.

Nevertheless, men are also presented as more dominant in subtler ways. A study suggested that 70% of commercials are voiced-over by men, and 66% of TV programmes are male.

In its most extreme form, top shelf **pornography** is almost exclusively available to men and is increasingly available to the young online, portraying women as sexual objects.

## Secondary socialisation: work

The world of work also seems to reinforce patriarchy in some ways; 19% of top jobs are held by women compared to only 11% of women, and many top jobs, such as judges, are male-dominated.

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## Lesson plan 13: Identity and Gender

### Lesson learning aims

- ✓ To investigate the extent to which gender identities are changing.
- ✓ To recap earlier work on social class



### You will need

- ☐ 6-mark question mark
- ☐ mark scheme
- ☐ Hegemonic gender identities
- ☐ Lesson 13
- ☐ Revision
- ☐ Dice

### Starter

- **6-mark question carousel:** Put the following question on the board: 'How do the agencies of socialisation create gender identities?' [6 marks]
- Students then have three minutes (with the writing frame from Lesson 12) to write a point and explanation. They then pass the answers to another student to read their point and add another. They then pass the answers to a third student for three minutes to read their points and add a third.
- Students can then mark the answers using the mark scheme from Lesson 12.

### Main

#### Teacher talks:

Recap the difference between hegemonic and non-hegemonic gender identities.

#### Handouts:

Students are given the sheet with boxes on it – they put these into the table (which has been photocopied onto A3) by either copying or cutting and sticking (or these can be made using images from last lesson). They must sort the cards to the relevant hegemonic or non-hegemonic gender identity. Some can go in more than one place, which will provide a good basis for class discussion. Students can use the notes handout to help.

Students then read over and highlight the notes handout. They can make a judgement on how gender today by making a cross on the line at the end of the handout and filling in the notes.

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**Revision dice:** Students sit in groups of six each and number themselves 1-6. The revision dice questions cut up in a pile in order. They roll the dice – the number that comes up has to answer the first question. If they can't, anyone else can answer. They then do the same for the second question and so on. If there are fewer than six students in a group, the number that comes up that isn't for one of the group. I have included cards for each number that revise earlier topics.

**Sociology soccer:**

Begin with a four corners activity for the statement 'Gender is no longer binary'. Students strongly disagree, disagree, agree or strongly agree with the statement. They are then divided into two teams, those who agree and those who disagree. Alternatively, they can be divided into four teams based on their level of agreement.

One team starts with the ball. They are given a topic, e.g. 'hegemonic masculinity'. They have 30 seconds to score a goal, that is, all individuals in the team must give three relevant pieces of information. If they fail or make an error the ball passes to the other team. If they continue to fail or make an error the ball passes to the other team. The team that has the ball at the end of the time has the goal. Further topics might include:

- Hegemonic male gender identity
- Non-hegemonic female gender identity
- Non-hegemonic male gender identity
- The role of socialisation in creating gender identity
- Working-class subcultures
- etc.

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Muscular		
Sexually passive, or 'slut' if sexually active	In the <b>Tchambuli Tribe</b> in N	gossiped, made themselves children while women
Metrosexuals		
The media promotes new, non-hegemonic masculine roles for profit.	Traditional hegemonic male fishing have disappeared, the traditional working	
<b>Postmodernists</b> argue that media saturation means that people can access and <b>pick and mix</b> a range of non-gender identities.	Women outperform men in economy such as IT industry. This has led to as independent	
<b>Feminists</b> argue <b>hegemonic gender identities</b> enforce <b>patriarchy</b> .	Sexual	
The male grooming market has grown 800% since 1998.		
Gentle		Dependent
Men such as David Beckham now use cosmetics and groom.	70% of divorces are initiated by women, fertility treatments mean women without a male partner. Male dominance has been broken	
10% of cosmetic surgery is now carried out on men.	Equal opportunities policies such as have reduced male dominance in the family	
Ladettes		The
Task-orientated (sports, DIY, etc.)		
British girls and <b>girl gangs</b> are among the most violent in the world.	<b>Connell</b> identifies	
Aggressive		
A recent study found 60% of males are unhappy with their appearance compared to only 75% of females.		
Girls outperform boys at all levels of education.		
Lack of concern with personal appearance	Play a minor role	
Build <b>mosaic identities</b> by cherry-picking from different gender roles	Obsession with physical appearance attractiveness (10 times as much loss as in males)	

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	Male	Female
Stereotypical/ traditional/ hegemonic identities		
Non-		

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## Does gender still matter?

We have previously looked at hegemonic gender identities and their deconstruction. Sociologists, particularly **postmodernists**, would argue that the idea of binary gender is now outdated. Indeed, despite identifying hegemonic male and female identities, postmodernism acknowledges that there are many different ways of being male or female. **Postmodernists** highlight the rise of unisex clothing, etc. They argue that the **and mix** aspects of different gender identities, cherry-picking features to create new **identities**. **Media saturation** increases both access to and tolerance of these identities. Overall, for **postmodernists**, **consumption** (what we buy) is a key factor in identity for both men and women.

### Changing gender identities

#### Female

Sue Sharpe found in her questionnaire study *Just like a Girl* in the 1970s that women were not planning marriage and children in their futures. However, when she repeated the study in the 1990s, she found that they displayed more non-hegemonic career ambition.

Girls now out-achieve boys at all levels of the education system and go into professions such as medicine and law in greater numbers.

Women are also entering the workforce in greater numbers. A major reason for this is the recent changes in the UK labour market due to globalisation, which has resulted in a decline in British traditional heavy industry, which was male-dominated, and a **rise in service industry office jobs which require 'softer' people skills** that are gender neutral. This has led to the '**feminisation of the workforce**'. More and more women are in a position, therefore, to define themselves as independent breadwinners, with women particularly influential in areas such as the music industry, and a female prime minister in Theresa May.

Within the family, women are no longer as defined by their role as mothers or wives. Diana Gittins found that over 70% of UK divorces are now initiated by women, reflecting a decrease in levels of subservience in the family, while more and more women now choose to have children without a partner or not at all.

Younger women have seen the emergence of the '**ladette**' role, which adopts behaviours such as heavy drinking, smoking and sexual aggression, although this is largely a media-created phenomenon.

A UN survey suggested that British girls were among the most violent in the world. There has been a rise in anti-school behaviours. Anne Campbell has identified a

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## Male

Although men traditionally derived their status from their public role at work, the move from the private domain of the family, the decline in traditional working-class industries and the rise of service industries mentioned above have undermined hegemonic masculinity.

The rise of equal opportunities legislation (e.g. 1970 Equal Pay Act) and more competitive means that men no longer dominate power relations in the workplace.

**Mac an Ghaill** (1994) linked this loss of status for men to school failures which he called the '**crisis of masculinity**'. As in **Willis's** *Learning to Labour*, this is particularly acute for working-class men and boys, where it led to a tension between social class and gender.

Sociologists have instead identified a range of new, non-hegemonic gender roles, although **Cannock** notes that these are not as high-status as hegemonic masculinity.

**Jonathan Sherry** (1992) identified the '**new man**', who was more sensitive to his feelings, as well as being ready to take on his share of the household chores. There has been a rise in the number of househusbands, although critics have argued that this is partly created by the media for marketing, and that women still bear the vast majority of domestic labour.

**Mortimer** identified '**metrosexuals**' in the 2000s, men such as David Beckham who took great care over their appearance. This has been reflected in an 800% increase in the male grooming industry since 1998 and increased male use of plastic surgery (10% of people in the industry means that the field is still hugely dominated by women). A YMCA survey found that 85% of men are unhappy with their body image, compared to only 75% of women.

**Rutherford** described this as the '**feminisation of masculinity**' in the media.

Other new, **non-hegemonic male gender** roles include '**emo boys**' (2000s) who are into gothic music and '**retrosexuals**' (2000s) who adopt an old-fashioned image of masculinity, taking care over their appearance, as well as '**new lads**' (2000s) who have embraced hegemonic male behaviours such as fighting and drinking.

## Non-changing gender identities

Nevertheless, you will still recognise a great deal of the traditional, hegemonic masculinity around you. The feminist Harriet **Bradley** argues that gender inequality exists for many, and **particularly highlights the intersectionality of gender and class**. **patriarchy** remains particularly dominant in the working class. Also, women in the working class work they tend to bear the **triple burden** of working, doing domestic chores and caring for the family.

**Collier** notes that women are **still intensely objectified in media** which she discusses in *Living Dolls: The Return of Sexism* that new forms of gender inequality exist in the hypersexualisation of women in the media, where they are automatically associated with heterosexual attractiveness.

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Make a mark on the line below and fill in the box to show your judgement still matters in identity.

**No longer matters**

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Now explain your judgement.

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1. Give one piece of evidence that gender remains important in defining identity.	2. What is the concept of masculinity?
3. What are metrosexuals?	4. What is the group known as 'old-school' masculinity?
5. What are new lads?	6. What does the term 'ladette' suggest?
7. Who are ladettes?	8. How are ladettes represented in the media?
9. What % of commercial voice-overs are by men?	10. What does the study of boys in the classroom suggest?
11. What is the hidden curriculum?	12. How does the hidden curriculum shape gender identity?
13. Which feminist sociologist stressed the role of primary socialisation in forming gender identity?	14. What is the concept of 'hegemonic' masculinity?



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15. What is canalisation?	16. What is the concept of appellation?
17. Describe hegemonic female gender identity.	18. What is the difference between...
19. Name the six agencies of socialisation.	20. What is the concept of...
21. Which group of sociologists stress the role of the underclass?	22. Name the three leisure...
23. What do functionalists believe?	24. Name the three sociological...
25. What do Marxists believe?	26. Name the three sociological...
27. What do interactionist sociologists believe?	28. Name the three sociological...
29. What do postmodernists believe?	30. Name the three sociological...

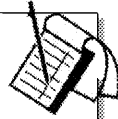


## Lesson plan 14: Identity and sex

### Lesson learning aims

To understand:

- ✓ Hegemonic sexual identities
- ✓ The extent to which these identities are changing



### You will

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- ☐ hand
- ☐ Less
- ☐ No-

### Starter

- **Memory box** Write the terms **hegemonic**, **non-hegemonic**, **sex** on the board. Students memorise them, and you then erase or mute the board with definitions.
- Show portrayals of homosexual characters in the media (e.g. *Little Britain*, *Till Death us do Part*, *Queer as Folk*, *Brokeback Mountain*) on YouTube and discuss non-hegemonic sexual identities.

### Main

#### Teacher talks:

Reinforce the difference between sex, gender and sexuality.

#### Handouts:

Give out the Identity and sexuality handout. Read over the definitions of hegemonic sexuality in the shaded boxes at the top. Students should shade the boxes and then work through the rest of the boxes shading them with the two terms they represent hegemonic or non-hegemonic sexual identity in Britain today.

Students then read over and highlight the notes handout. They can then discuss the importance of sexuality today by making a cross on the line at the end of each box with an explanation.

### Plenary

**No-pens essay:** Students work in pairs, A and B. First A reads the 20-minute essay and picks out the key words orally. Nothing is to be written down. B then reads the essay out three quotes, again without writing them down. The pair then work together to write the essay. They have the other to guide them, but cannot write anything down. They can then either read the essay to the pair or to the whole class. Students can then write the essay and an assessment of it.

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## Identity and sexuality

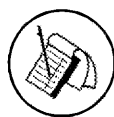
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Hegemonic sexuality	Non-hegemonic sexuality
Within Western societies, heterosexual monogamy is seen as 'normal sex'. This is known as the concept of <b>'heteronormativity'</b> . Homosexuality is seen as deviant, and within heterosexuality, men are dominant, with women objectified and chaste.	Homosexual, lesbian and gay people are all just as 'normal' as heterosexual people. Within heterosexuality, men are dominant and women are objectified.
Male promiscuity is more accepted or even celebrated, whereas promiscuous women are often shamed as 'slags', 'sluts' or 'top girls'.	The growth in the gay and lesbian population in Britain.
<b>Postmodernists</b> argue that sexuality is now more fluid with younger generations <b>picking and choosing</b> different identities.	Women are also more empowered according to the feminist <b>Male Gaze</b> .
The media in the past included few homosexual characters or dealt with homosexuality negatively – for example, AIDS was portrayed as the 'gay plague' in tabloids in the 1980s.	There have, however, been more positive portrayals of gay and lesbian people in the media in series and films such as <i>Brokeback Mountain</i> .
Male homosexual sex was decriminalised in 1967. This was followed by the development of gay subculture in the 1970s driven by the consumer power of the 'pink pound', while organisations such as Stonewall pushed for equal gay rights.	There is now a growing acceptance of people who have 'come out', ranging from celebrities to everyday people.
Gay men are more likely to be driven to suicide, and homosexuality is particularly attacked in cultures with strong hegemonic gender identities.	Gay people often face discrimination in the workplace, in schools (recent survey) and in the media, so conceal their identity.
Perhaps the freedom to choose your own sexual identity applies more to men than women.	Statistics claim that more than half of children had been exposed to gay or lesbian messages.
<b>Walter</b> has argued that women are still far more sexually objectified, leading to the <b>hypersexualisation</b> of women in pornography, which is now being exposed to from a young age through the Internet.	Homosexuals are still often portrayed negatively against if they are in the media.
The <b>media</b> have also played a role in socially constructing images of heterosexual attractiveness. Historically, voluptuous women were considered attractive, but this changed in the 1960s with the promotion of skinny 'superwaifs'.	Men are now the focus of the <b>Male Gaze</b> (McRobbie) in the media, which seem to be improving the lives of gay and lesbian people.

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# Identity and sexuality



## Specification area 4

- ✓ The relationship of identity to sexuality in contemporary society
- ✓ How individuals are socialised into the social constructs of sexuality
- ✓ How an individual's experiences and sense of identity are shaped by society
- ✓ Their relative importance and the extent to which sexuality is constructed by society

**Sexuality** refers to who someone is attracted sexually to, and is different from gender, which refers to the male or female identity.

There are a wide variety of sexualities, including **heterosexuality**, **homosexuality**, **bisexuality** and **asexuality**.

## Hegemonic sexuality

Within Western societies, heterosexuality is the **hegemonic sexuality**, viewed as 'normal sex'. This is known as the concept of '**heteronormativity**'.

There is a dispute over the extent to which **homosexuality** is biologically determined, with some arguing that a 'gay gene' exists. However, many sociologists would argue that it is socially constructed and varies between societies in the same way that gender and other aspects of identity are. **Weeks** pointed out that within Ancient Greek society homosexuality was accepted.

Similarly, there are **hegemonic** identities within **heterosexuality** which are socially constructed. Within Western societies, male promiscuity is more accepted than female. Promiscuous women are shamed as 'slags', 'sluts' or 'slappers'. Women are judged according to their sexual attractiveness, what the feminist **Mulvey** calls the 'male gaze'.

A number of **agencies of secondary socialisation** are seen as playing a role in shaping sexual identities.

**Religion** can be seen as playing a major role, with criticism of practices such as extramarital sex, and the encouragement of sexual passivity and virginity.

**The media** too have in the past included few positive sexual characters or stories, often portraying them negatively – for example, AIDS was portrayed as the 'gay plague' in tabloid newspapers. However, there have been more mainstream and positive portrayals of homosexuality in recent years, such as the TV series *Queer as Folk* and the film *Brokeback Mountain*.

**The media** have also played a role in socially constructing images of heterosexuality. Historically, voluptuous women were considered sexually attractive, but in the 20th century, the promotion of skinny 'superwaifs'. This development has been linked to eating disorders in women. Men too are the subject of more sexualised portrayals, often referred to as the 'male gaze' (**McRobbie**), although this does not seem to be impacting them in the same way.

**Functionalists** have presented the hegemonic, monogamous heterosexuality as the basis of the family unit and so a positive for society, while the **New Right** has been critical of homosexuality and abortion in society.

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## Non-hegemonic sexuality

**Postmodernists**, however, argue that there is far more choice over sexual identities for different generations in particular **picking and mixing** in a more open and tolerant society.

Homosexuality was historically **stigmatised** and male gay sex criminals were persecuted in the nineteenth and twentieth centuries in Britain, with 'treatments' such as electric shock. The persecution of figures such as codebreaking war hero Alan Turing (see page 154) is a stark reminder of this.

However, male homosexual sex was decriminalised in 1967 in England and Wales. This was followed by the development of gay subcultures in the 1970s, leading to the formation of areas such as Manchester's Gay Village, and gay pride marches, as in Brighton. This was driven by the consumer power of the 'pink pound', while organisations pushed for equal gay rights. This led to:

- laws against discrimination of homosexuals in 1999
- the repeal in 2003 of section 28, which prevented teachers from 'promoting' homosexuality in schools
- the lowering in 2000 of the homosexual age of consent to 16, the same as for heterosexuals
- the 2010 Equality Act against discrimination of homosexuals
- the legalisation of gay marriage in 2013

Meanwhile, openly gay media celebrities such as Graham Norton have become a household name. There are now identities for those who have 'come out' (live openly as gay), ranging from 'out and proud' to 'out and closeted'.

However, some would argue that this freedom applies more to men than women. Lesbianism remains more low profile (although lesbianism, unlike male homosexuality, has never been illegal). Nevertheless, greater acceptance for lesbianism emerged in the 1970s in the form of the lesbian movement, as some espoused sexual separation from men as a way of escaping patriarchy.

Nevertheless, the extent of toleration for non-hegemonic sexualities shows that there remains a strong argument that homosexuality is a **spoiled or stigmatised** identity in Western societies. Gay people often report bullying by peer groups, in schools (in a recent survey) and even at work (20%), and so conceal their sexuality to avoid discrimination. Gay men are more likely to be driven to suicide and homosexuality is perceived as incompatible with strong hegemonic gender identities. Some forms of sexuality, such as transsexuals, are more stigmatised.

For heterosexuals, Angela **McRobbie** has argued that the beauty stakes are high for the traditional hegemonic sexuality and the desire for the '**male gaze**'. She argues that the focus on men to be sexually attractive is leading to the shaming of male celebrities for not being muscular and magazines.

However, **McRobbie** has argued that women are still far more sexually objectified than men. She has also argued for **hypersexualisation** of women in pornography, which children are being exposed to through the Internet. Statistics claimed that in 2007 half of British children had viewed porn and one third had received unwanted sexual messages.

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Make a mark on the line below and fill in the box to show your judgement on whether hegemonic sexuality still dominates society.

*We have freedom over sexuality*

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Now explain your judgement.



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Read **Item A** below and answer the question that follows.

Postmodernists have emphasised the declining importance of hegemonic sexuality. They point to developments such as legalised gay marriage and the prevalence of LGBT+ in mass media to show increasing tolerance of non-hegemonic sexuality. However, the widespread homophobia in society, and many feminists would also highlight the importance of heterosexual identities.

Applying material from **Item A** and your knowledge, evaluate the extent to which heterosexual identities still play a key role in forming identities. **[20 marks]**

**Introduction:** Explain the question and key terms in it.

Point 1	
Agreeing or disagreeing with the question – you may refer to <b>the item</b>	
very good <b>evidence/</b> knowledge	
appropriate <b>analysis</b> <i>'In other words...'</i> <i>'Put simply...'</i> <i>'However...'</i> <i>'On the other hand...'</i>	
Mini-conclusion <b>linking back</b> to the question	

Point 2	
Agreeing or disagreeing with the question – you may refer to <b>the item</b>	
very good <b>evidence/</b> knowledge	
appropriate <b>analysis</b> <i>'In other words...'</i> <i>'Put simply...'</i> <i>'However...'</i> <i>'On the other hand...'</i>	
Mini-conclusion <b>linking back</b> to the question	

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Point 3	
Agreeing or disagreeing with the question – you may refer to <b>the item</b>	
very good <b>evidence/</b> knowledge	
appropriate <b>analysis</b> <i>'In other words...'</i> <i>'Put simply...'</i> <i>'However...'</i> <i>'On the other hand...'</i>	
Mini-conclusion <b>linking back</b> to the question	

Point 4	
Agreeing or disagreeing with the question – you may refer to <b>the item</b>	
very good <b>evidence/</b> knowledge	
appropriate <b>analysis</b> <i>'In other words...'</i> <i>'Put simply...'</i> <i>'However...'</i> <i>'On the other hand...'</i>	
Mini-conclusion <b>linking back</b> to the question	

**Conclusion:** Give your judgement on the question.

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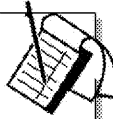


## Lesson plan 15: Identity and ethnicity

### Lesson learning aims

To understand:

- ✓ Hegemonic ethnic identities
- ✓ The extent to which these identities are changing



### You will need

- ☐ Lesson 1
- ☐ Lesson 2
- ☐ Lesson 3

### Starter

- **Definition relay:** Students divide into teams. They then come up with a definition of a term from the board and define it, then get the next team to do the same. All definitions are the winners. Some are revision, some are new.
- Alternatively, you could begin with a **memory board** of these key terms on the board, students memorise them, and you then erase or write the terms with definitions.

### Main

#### Teacher talks:

Students brainstorm the different ethnic groups that they can think of in terms from the memory board and perhaps have a global map on which to place the identities.

#### Handouts:

Students in groups are given one of the ethnic identities from the table to research and prepare a presentation for the class using the notes, textbooks or computers. The teacher can then have some kind of knowledge check for the rest of the class (test, quiz, question time).

### Plenary

**Presentations:** Students present their research to the class. The rest of the class listens to the presentations. They can then fill in any questions that they've raised.



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## Definition relay



1. Define the term 'proletariat'.  
.....
2. Define the term 'subculture of resistance'.  
.....
3. Define the term 'stigmatised identity'.  
.....
4. Define the term 'ethnicity'.  
.....
5. Define the term 'diaspora'.  
.....
6. Define the term 'white mask identity'.  
.....
7. Define the term 'hybrid identity'.  
.....

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Ethnicity and identity

	 White identities	African-Caribbean identities	Asian identities	 Young Asian identities	'Muslim' – a stigmatised identity?
Origins					
Culture (language, dress, diet, values, etc.)					
Other knowledge					
Discrimination or disadvantage					

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# Ethnicity and identity



- ✓ The relationship of identity to ethnicity in contemporary society
- ✓ How individuals are socialised into the social constructs of ethnicity
- ✓ How an individual's experiences and sense of identity are shaped by ethnicity
- ✓ Their relative importance and the extent to which ethnicity shapes society

**Ethnicity** = the shared culture of a social group passed on by socialisation to form a common identity

Ethnicity can be a confusing concept. It ties in to ideas of **race**, which are based on appearance, but many sociologists reject because they have been associated with the idea that ethnicity is the same thing as skin colour. For instance, English and Scottish people are of the same ethnicity, but are different ethnicities, as are Indian Hindus and Pakistani Muslims. Ethnicity also **interacts** with national, regional, class and gender identities.

People tend to think of **minority ethnic groups** (who make up 14% of the population) as the only ethnicities, **but** we must also remember that the hegemonic **white British** population is also an ethnicity.

Therefore, **ethnic identity** is the identity of a group which links to a particular **geographic origin** (e.g. Bangladesh, the Caribbean). It includes many different aspects: dress, diet, language (e.g. Urdu or Hindi), values (e.g. obedience in Asia), historical experiences (e.g. black history and slavery for African-Caribbeans, the Holocaust for Jews, the transatlantic slave trade and Carnival for African-Caribbeans).

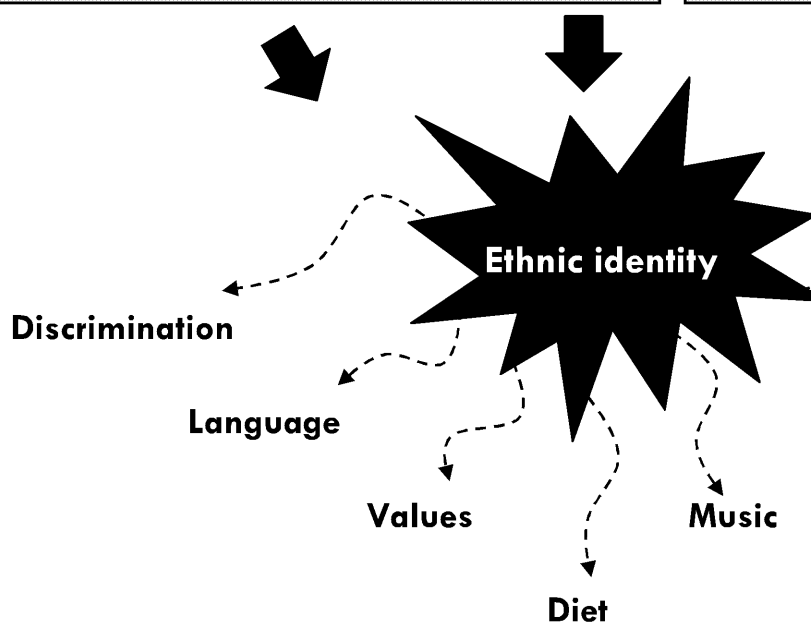
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Ethnic identity is **formed** by the different agencies of socialisation, with the

<p><b>Religion</b></p> <p><b>Jacobson</b> saw Islam as becoming particularly important in asserting ethnic identity in the face of social Islamophobia.</p>	<p><b>Media</b></p> <p>The <b>global media</b> enable ethnic minorities to consume the music and films of their countries of origin, and to stay in touch with relatives there.</p>	<p><b>Gilborn and Wright</b> blame the curriculum for excluding minority students for example while African-Caribbean students argued that students resist the <b>subcultures of resistance curriculum</b> (e.g. 'white' excludes ethnic minorities) meanwhile, may actively</p>
<p><b>Family</b></p> <p><b>Hill</b> highlighted the role of the family in passing on ethnic identity in Asians in Leicester. Although this sometimes came into conflict with the values of children's British peers. <b>Levinson</b> studied the role of artefacts, especially traditional clothing like the burka in developing ethnic identity in the family, with women playing a key role.</p>		<p><b>Sewell</b> also argued that African-Caribbean education consumers 'gangsta' sometimes</p>



There are many different **ethnic minorities** within Britain because of a ethnic group spreads from its country of origin taking its culture with it since the 1950s. Diasporas can lead to either a **assimilation** or **conflict** between the group and that of the **host society** (which they have moved to).

Many African-Caribbean people came from the West Indies after World War II. Asian groups who arrived in a wave faced a great deal of prejudice, both in terms of when seeking work, housing and education, and so turned to each other. They often found this in **religious communities**, such as the Pentecostal Church.

Ethnic minorities still face harassment today, both in society and from the state ('stop and search', or denial of the British identity in the tabloid media), so they assert their ethnic identity by adopting a '**white mask**'. This means that while they adopt an Asian identity at home, in school or the workplace they copy the **white culture** while downplaying their own. **Ballard** has described this as the 'double consciousness' when in society.

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**Globalisation** through diaspora, immigration and global media has also created **hybrid identities**, where two cultures mix to form a new, distinct culture. For example, the mixing of black and white identities, while **Hall** has cited Punjabi's listeris and ethnic diets (e.g. curry) entering the British mainstream. **Hall** also identifies identities such as **British Asian** or **Brasian**, which may at times include elements of both.

**Hybrid identities** may emerge from second or third generation ethnic minorities in Britain, or from **mixed-race** individuals born to parents of different ethnicities. Some Britons have one white parent, and may choose to identify with the culture of both into a hybrid identity. While 60% of mixed-race individuals say they have a hybrid identity, they are also often the victims of **double discrimination**, from both the white majority and the ethnic minority.

**Sewell** has also identified the role of ethnic identity as a **subculture of resistance** for black and other ethnicities. While **Jacobson** has explained the growing popularity of a feature film as a subculture of resistance against exclusion from British society.

## Ethnic identities in Britain

The identification of different ethnic groups is largely subjective, but are commonly described in Britain are:

### Hegemonic: white British

This is the dominant identity in Britain which is at the heart of the media and culture of socialisation. As a result, white Britons do not generally face discrimination and do not need to assert their identity. The most extreme form of white British identity is found in extremist groups such as the BNP or EDL who defend an imagined 'pure' white British identity.

### Non-hegemonic minority white ethnicities

However, there are also several minority white ethnicities, and white culture has not always been dominant. In the past, Irish people suffered discrimination from the hegemonic white British. In the 19th century, landlords sometimes displayed signs reading 'no Irish, no blacks, no dogs'. In the 20th century, Europeans have faced discrimination, particularly after the 2016 Brexit vote. A study of Poles in Britain found that, while older migrants had strong ties to their home country, the younger generation who arrived since the **Polish diaspora** prompted by Poland's accession to the EU had integrated. They tended to mix in more while maintaining links with Poland.

### African-Caribbean

**Gilroy** argues that while this was a **heterogeneous** (mixed) group, it was united by the concept of the 'Black Atlantic', a shared history of slavery and resistance. This united black Britons, African-Caribbeans and Africans.

Second generation African-Caribbeans have developed their own identity based on badges such as hip hop or reggae music, pride in their black skin and resistance to discrimination from the police, teachers, etc. **Fuller** studied subcultures of resistance among African-Caribbean youth. Earlier subcultures of resistance such as Rastafarianism remain popular.



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## Asian identities

The Asian ethnicity is another very heterogeneous group, including Indians (the three largest ethnic minority groups in Britain), Chinese, etc. There are many religions (Buddhism, Islam, Hinduism, Sikhism), etc., including obvious differences such as Hindus avoiding beef and Muslims pork and non-halal meat.

**Modood** sees ethnic identity as particularly strong for older generations and the role of the extended family also remain strong for the young. For instance, Muslims expected an arranged marriage, although they also expected to be forced. Low levels of divorce and single parenthood were also featured in Bollywood films and bhangra music and dancing.

Religious buildings (mosques, temples) and **religion are often central** to the identity of the first generation immigrants facing discrimination. Growing among the young as a source of positive identity in the face of racism. A recent study showed that 67% of young Muslims saw their religion as important, compared to 40% of African-Caribbeans and only 5% of whites. In addition, few Asians married outside their ethnicity.

**Mirza** suggested that Asians use **impression management** to assert their identity. The burka and hijab were more due to peer pressure than religion. **Giddi** clothing could have diverse meanings, from fashion statements to badge of identity, while **feminists** are divided between those who see the hijab as a symbol of the **male gaze** and those for whom it is a symbol of oppression or a 'wall'.

## Changing identities

**Modood** has argued that the Asian ethnic identity has evolved for the young generation immigrants, while **Johal** has studied the hybridisation of British bhangra music, which combines Punjabi melodies with a Western beat. **picking and mixing**. They may be Muslim in terms of religion, but may not choose their own husband or wife. **Butler** found when interviewing Asian women in Coventry that they were religiously observant but expected to have the careers of Western women. **Basit's** interviews found that young Asian women have adopted Asian cultures to an extent that they would not be at home in their countries of origin (Pakistan, Bangladesh).

**Hall**, meanwhile, argued that it was simplistic to talk in terms of black and white. Many members may also now see class or gender as more important social factors.

## Muslim: A stigmatised identity

The Muslim ethnic identity has arguably become **stigmatised** (**Goffman** refers to the **association** in the media (especially tabloids) of all Muslims with terrorism. Groups such as the Taliban, Islamic State, Al Qaeda and Boko Haram have been associated with women (confinement to the home, denial of education), barbaric punishment (stoning), denial of Western culture and terrorism. This has led to the association of moderate Muslims with these actions and a rise in **Islamophobia** (fear of Islam) despite the fact that many Asians now associate themselves with Britain.

The Asian Conservative peer Baroness Warsi argued that Islamophobia is now so widespread that it now passes the '**dinner party test**', meaning that it is acceptable to be a member of society in a way that would be unacceptable for other ethnic minorities.

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## Lesson plan 16: Identity and nationality

### Lesson learning aims

To understand:

- ✓ How nationality shapes identity
- ✓ The extent to which nationality remains an important source of identity today



### You will need:

- ☐ Images from magazines, newspapers, etc. representing Britishness (studied in lesson 15)
- ☐ Notes handout
- ☐ 10 mark writing frame from lesson 3

### Starter

- You could play the national anthem as students enter...
- **Life in the UK test:** Students could attempt the practice Life in the UK test on [theuktest.com](http://theuktest.com). This could be done on computers or you could print it out manually. Point out that the pass rate is 75% for UK citizenship. So, a fail, which could be used as a good starting point for discussing the extent to which nationality shapes identity today.
- **Quick collage:** Students cut out images and then select three to represent their idea of Britishness. They then present these to the class. The extent of agreement or disagreement on how far a British national identity exists.

### Main

#### Teacher talks:

Outline nationality and the idea of the nation state, and differentiate it from a debate among sociologists on the importance today of nationality in shaping identity. Argue that in today's globalised society national identity is declining in importance.

#### Handouts:

Students read over the notes handout on nationality and identity, highlighting points where they suggest that nationality plays a role in shaping identity, one where it does not.

Students then make a judgement on the continuum according to how far nationality is important in shaping identity, along with an explanation in the box.

### Plenary

**Sociological debate:** Students sit in pairs. One is to argue that nationality is important in shaping identity, the other that it is not. The students alternate points from memory and then have a 2-minute point.

Students begin again. They can swap sides of the argument if you wish. You could have debates for fresh games, e.g. 'Ethnicity is more important than gender', 'Religion is more important than nationality', etc.

**Exam practice:** 'Outline and explain **two ways** in which nationality affects identity today'. Use the writing frame and mark scheme from Lesson 3 to help if necessary.

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# Nationality and identity



- ✓ The relationship of identity to nationality in contemporary society
- ✓ How individuals are socialised into the social constructs of nationality
- ✓ How an individual's experiences and sense of identity are shaped by nationality
- ✓ Their relative importance and the extent to which nationality shapes contemporary society

**Nationality** = being a citizen of a nation state (a geographical area controlled by a government)

Nationality carries with it certain rights (e.g. free healthcare in Britain, a passport) and duties (e.g. paying taxes, obeying the law, not committing treason, the crime of betraying your nation). Nationality is normally conferred by birth, but it can also come through marriage or naturalisation.

**National identity** is the sense of belonging to a particular nationality and the values and attitudes that relate to a nation state. For example, in the United Kingdom (nation state) national identity is English, Scottish, Welsh, Irish, British, while in Spain some people identify as Catalan or Basque.

There is a debate over how important nationality is as a source of identity.

## National identity still important

**Durkheim** saw nationality as a vital source of collective identity for societies. In the twentieth century, it had replaced religion in the twentieth century. Britain, as an island, has a strong sense of nationality, separate from Europe.

For many sociologists, national identity is deliberately developed by the state through the agencies of socialisation:

**Education** uses the **national curriculum** to promote national identity. In English Literature focuses on national 'greats' such as Shakespeare, while subjects like History and Geography promote national identity. The hidden curriculum plays a part by celebrating the Queen's jubilee or important national football matches.

**The media** focus on national news stories, and support 'our troops' in wars and celebrate national achievement in sporting events such as the Olympics.

**Religion** also plays a role, with the Church of England, the official national church.

Stuart **Hall** argued that nations create their sense of national identity through sporting success (the 1966 World Cup), wars won (the Blitz and centenary of WWI), and national heroes, such as Winston Churchill.

**National rituals** also play a role, times when we are expected to reflect on the history and values of a nation, such as Remembrance Sunday, Bonfire Night and royal weddings. In the USA and Bastille Day in France.

**Palmer** also argued that international heritage tourism plays a role. Countries are associated with symbols such as the Statue of Liberty, Buckingham Palace and Big Ben, which supposedly national values (e.g. British fair play), which members of the host country identify themselves with.

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## National identity no longer important

However, many nationals see their ethnic, class or gender identities as more important. Moreover, in Britain **regional** identities are becoming stronger and overriding the national British identity:

- In England, 58% see themselves as English only rather than British, and only 48% of see themselves as British at all.
- In Wales, 66% consider themselves Welsh only.
- In Scotland, 62% view themselves as Scottish only.
- Ethnic minority groups are more likely to see themselves as British than the white British majority.
- In addition, the idea of the British nation is weakening. Scotland parliament, and Wales and Northern Ireland have elected assemblies now the largest in Scotland, although Scotland voted against independence.

In the future, politicians such as David Cameron have lamented the particularism among the young. However there appears to be **little agreement** beyond the symbols such as the Queen and the Union Jack. Support for respect for democracy and law, fairness and freedom of speech and work are they uniquely British.

**Postmodernists** would argue that in reality **national identities are becoming hybridisation and homogenisation** driven by globalisation. Chicken tikka curry and British gravy, has now overtaken fish and chips as the most popular food. broadly, **postmodernists** see people as **picking and mixing** from global cultures, working for international employers and watching globalised media. With multi-ethnic national identities are emerging, racism is an obstacle to this.

However, **Hall** has argued that there has been an **upsurge in nationalism** and **globalisation**. He would point to the fact that the 2016 Brexit vote was Britain 'taking back control' and 'making Britain great again'. However, as UKIP (the UK Independence Party) actually define themselves by what they oppose (immigration, Europe, Islam) rather than any real sense of British identity.

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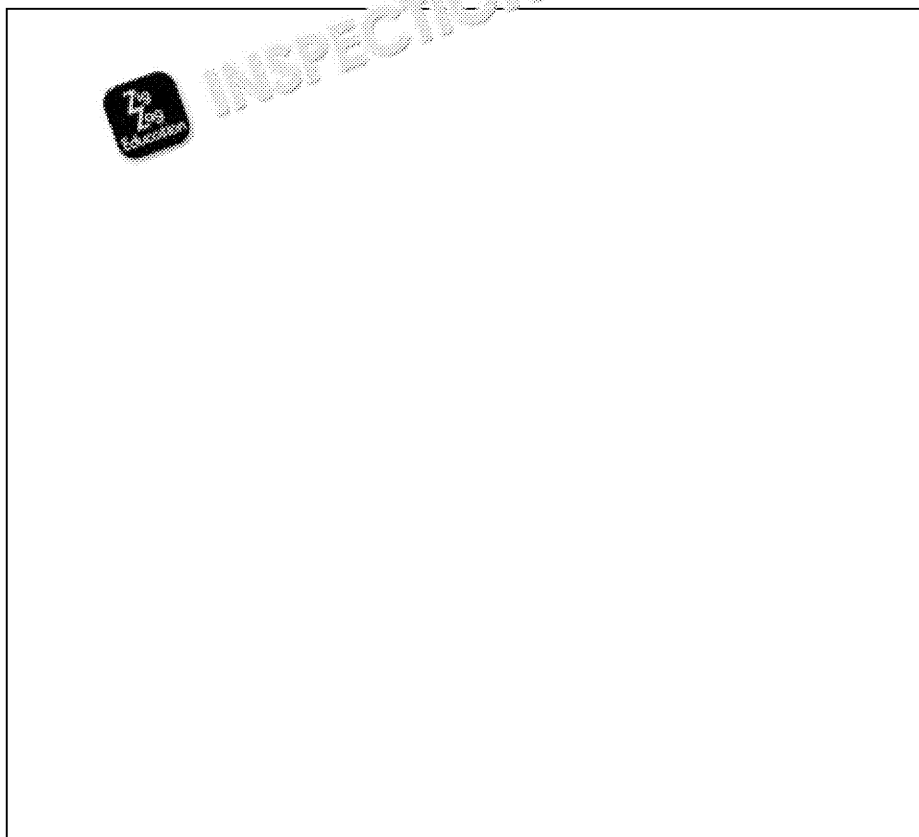


- Shade in the notes on nationality in two colours, one where it is seen as important, and one where it is no longer seen as important.
- Make a mark on the line below and fill in the box to show your judgement on whether national identity is still important.

**National identity unimportant**

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**Now explain your judgement**



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## Lesson plan 17: Identity and dis

### Lesson learning aims

To:

- ✓ Understand how disability shapes identity
- ✓ Reinforce the role of nationality
- ✓ Reinforce evaluation skills in 20-mark question technique



### You will need:

- ☐ 20-mark essay question technique
- ☐ 20-mark essay question technique and identity
- ☐ Notes handout
- ☐ Computer software
- ☐ Ball for plenary

### Starter

- **Close**: Give students the item on the essay sheet with the words missing. The answers are: 'In Britain in the twenty-first century, matters. Postmodernists have shown how globalisation allows us to travel across Europe or the globe, particularly as the media give us such powerful politicians such as David Cameron, only 48% of those in England see
- **Odd one out**: Display four images on the board, one of a negative (e.g. Andy from *Little Britain*) and three more positive ones (e.g. Ellie Simmonds, Ade Adepitan). Students try to identify the odd one out, with discussion of portrayals of disability emerging.

### Main

#### Teacher talks:

Explain that students will be recapping their work on nationality and identity technique, before then looking at disability and identity.

#### Main task:

This activity works best if you can use an IT suite, but also works on paper. That students will debate with each other on the computers/paper, build a question as they go along. They can work in pairs. You can sort them into opinions using the **four corners** activity for the statement 'Nationality is of identity'.

Students begin by writing or typing the point to the first paragraph in the quote from the item and then disagree with the statement. They then use good knowledge and evidence with explanation. They then send their paragraphs using the four corners plans, simply circulate them. On computers, students can use another plan on the school system, or they can swap computers and continue

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Students then read over the paragraph they now have and add in two details of evaluation and a mini-conclusion that links back to the question. Next they add a new point which quotes from the item and add two new sentences of evidence with explanation. Students then send the answer to a new partner to evaluate the latest paragraph, add a mini-conclusion and begin a new paragraph as many times as you want until a maximum of four paragraphs is written and a conclusion. You can then feed back by getting students to give or send feedback by getting them to present them to the class, peer-mark, etc.

Students should then do the same activity on essay two, which relates to the underclass. Students use the handout notes to add knowledge and evaluation to their paragraph in alternative stigmatised identities that they consider more influential (e.g. the underclass, etc.).

Plenary



**Pass the ball:** Students use the 20-mark question mark scheme from lesson 1. They then have to pick out features, e.g. knowledge. Pass the ball to a student who has to give another piece of knowledge, and so on. Continue for quotes, analysis/evaluation, conclusion, etc.



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Read **Item A** below and answer the question that follows.

In Britain in the twenty-first century \_\_\_\_\_ no longer  
\_\_\_\_\_ have shown how \_\_\_\_\_ allow  
and \_\_\_\_\_ identity from across Europe or the globe  
\_\_\_\_\_ give us such wide access. Despite the aims of politicians  
Cameron, only \_\_\_\_\_ % of those in England see it

Applying material from **Item A** and your knowledge, evaluate the argument that the internet is an important source of identity. [10 marks]

**Introduction:** \_\_\_\_\_ the question and key terms in it.

Point 1	
Agreeing or disagreeing with the question – you may refer to <b>the item</b>	
very good <b>evidence/</b> knowledge	
appropriate <b>analysis</b> 'In other words...' 'Put simply...' 'However...' 'On the other hand...'	
Mini-conclusion <b>linking back</b> to the question	


Point 2	
Agreeing or disagreeing with the question – you may refer to <b>the item</b>	
very good <b>evidence/</b> knowledge	
appropriate <b>analysis</b> 'In other words...' 'Put simply...' 'However...' 'On the other hand...'	
Mini-conclusion <b>linking back</b> to the question	

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Point 3	
Agreeing or disagreeing with the question – you may refer to <b>the item</b>	
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Mini-conclusion <b>linking back to the question</b>	

Point 4	
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Mini-conclusion <b>linking back to the question</b>	

<b>Conclusion:</b> Come to a judgement on the question. 
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Read **Item B** below and answer the question that follows.

Disability is arguably one of the most powerful stigmatised identities in society today. Despite coverage of events such as the Paralympics, the media often perpetuate and negatively stereotype those with impairments. As most Britons will know, for someone with a disability, the media are the most powerful of influences. These attitudes, making disability a powerful master status that spoils lives.

Applying material from **Item B** and your knowledge, evaluate the argument that disability is a powerful stigmatised identity in society today. [10 marks]

**Introduction:** Explain the question in your own key terms in it.





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Agreeing or disagreeing with the question – you may refer to <b>the item</b>	
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Mini-conclusion <b>linking back</b> to the question	


Point 2	
Agreeing or disagreeing with the question – you may refer to <b>the item</b>	
very good <b>evidence/</b> knowledge	
appropriate <b>analysis</b> 'In other words...' 'Put simply...' 'However...' 'On the other hand...'	
Mini-conclusion <b>linking back</b> to the question	

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<b>Conclusion:</b> Come to a judgement on the question. 
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## Disability and identity



- ✓ The relationship of identity to disability in contemporary society
- ✓ How individuals are socialised into the social constructs of disability
- ✓ How an individual's experiences and sense of identity are shaped by their socialisation
- ✓ Their relative importance and the extent to which disability shapes identity in contemporary society

**Impairment** = some kind of reduction or loss in the functioning of the body. It usually results from **birth, injury or illness**.

**Disability** = when impairment makes it difficult for an individual to function in society.

Traditionally, the **medical model** of disability emphasised that those who were not functioning well in society, **labelling** them as inferior and dependent on others.

However, in the 1980s a **social model** of disability was developed by the **Social Model of Disability**. This resisted the idea of dependence and suggested that impairments do not prevent individuals from society. Instead, **society** created a **social construct** of disability for individuals who were, in fact, capable of functioning well. The **social model** suggests that (or all) individuals have impairments (e.g. wearing glasses) but only some experience exclusion. **Marsh and Keating** have suggested that many of us in society experience exclusion in ways in our interdependent society.

Tom **Shakespeare** emphasised this view that disability was caused by society rather than individuals who were not 'normal'. For instance, dwarfism or facial disfigurement can lead to **labelling** as disabled, which then prevents individuals from accessing services. He argued that all individuals should have access to services such as education and employment, but that society places **economic, environmental and cultural barriers** to disabled people. Thus disability becomes an **identity of exclusion** from society. For example, people talking to the person pushing the wheelchair rather than the person in the wheelchair (using patronising voices), ridicule, lack of wheelchair access, inadequate

**Barnes** also sees disability as a powerful **stigmatised identity** (**Goffman** would say it **overwhelms and spoils** other sexual, class or ethnic identities that impairments have). Those with impairments will, therefore, fail at **impression management**. For example, a physical aspect (e.g. sight) may lead to an individual being considered disabled, even if they otherwise function perfectly. **Schlesinger** studied the way that blind people were treated by professionals in the USA and found that many developed '**learned helplessness**' and were treated as incapable of living independently by the medical professional. **Fuller** also suggests that the **medical model** of disability led to a **fulfilling** dependency that led them to become more reliant.

The **Marxist Finkelstein** even suggests that the concept of disability is created by capitalism. Those who are not fit to work in the capitalist system are labelled as 'disabled'. **Finkelstein** argues that in pre-industrial societies those with impairments were much more integrated in the community.

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**Longmore** has argued that the **media** play a particular role in creating impairments into disability. While the minority who have personal experience of these negative portrayals, the majority learn about disability above all from **the media**.

Portrayals of impairment in the media tend to be **based on either pity or** (in the case of *Britain*), and may suggest that those with disabilities are weak, dependent, deviant or even subhuman. There have **recently been some more positive** portrayals such as *X-Men* and *Glee*. *The Office*, a comedy series with a disabled protagonist, is a positive portrayal of the patronising attitudes faced by a disabled character.

The media has also celebrated the success of athletes such as swimmer Ellie Simmonds at the Paralympics (although coverage has since declined) and *Game of Thrones* character Daenerys Targaryen.

Nevertheless, those with impairments still face much exclusion from society. This includes segregation into special schools, to benefit reliance caused by difficulties getting to work, and planning clinics discouraging those with disabilities from having sex or children. The **social model** argues that the government needs to do far more to include those with disabilities when austerity policies are increasing barriers. A 2017 United Nations report calls for **to uphold the human rights of those with disabilities**.

However, critics of the **social model** argue that it ignores the real medical and physical pain and mental impairment.

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## Lesson plan 18: Identity and

### Lesson learning aims

To understand:

- ✓ How age shapes identity
- ✓ The change in the extent to which age defines identity



### You will need

- ☐ Heads and tails
- ☐ Age and identity
- ☐ Age and identity
- ☐ Notes handout
- ☐ Dress to impress

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### Starter

**Heads and tails** Students have to match the beginnings or 'heads' of the sentences with the endings or 'tails'. They can do this individually or in pairs, or the sentence cards can be put in a bag and students can draw them out so that students have to move around and find their 'other half'.

### Main

#### Teacher talks:

Explain that age can be seen as socially constructed, with concepts such as youth and old age varying between different cultures and historical periods.

#### Main task:

Students cut out the boxes and prioritise them in order of how far they agree or disagree. This can be done as a paired activity and students can feed back on and justify their choices.

Next, students stick or copy the cards into the appropriate part of the table according to whether they apply to youth or old age and are hegemonic or subversive representations. Many of these are subjective, but emphasise to students that there is no 'right' answer, it is important than the 'right' answer.

Students can then read over the notes and fill in the judgement.

### Plenary

**Dress to impress:** Students research a youth subculture on computers (punk, goth, mod, emo, etc.). They use images to dress the manikin by drawing on clothing, accessories, etc. Then, around the outside, they fill in the interlocking sociological theories that define that particular youth subculture.

**Exam question:** Outline and explain **two ways** in which age identity is socially constructed. You can use the writing frame and mark scheme from Lesson 3 if required.

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## Heads and tails

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The identity, status and expectations linked to and age	have interpre dif
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## Lesson 18 Answers

### Heads and tails answers

Age, like gender,	is a social construct just as much
The identity, status and expectations linked to old age	vary in different cultures and at
We tend to associate more with those of our age than gender, ethnicity or class, so age	must be an important source of
Youth	has historically only emerged rec the 1800s children went straight could be.
Traditionally, some	viewed old age as a stigma lack of status.
However, others	argue that today older people ca identities because of increasing
Different sociologists	have interpreted youth subculture

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## Age and identity

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Hegemonic British		
	<p>Childhood, teenage, youth</p>	
	<p>Old age</p>	



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In Western cultures, the elderly often lack status.	As life expectancy increases, older Britons are healthier than ever.	In mo
<b>Cohen</b> identified how the media created <b>moral panics</b> about <b>youth subcultures</b> such as mods and rockers, and even today there are more negative than positive portrayals of teenagers in the media.	Many working-class pensioners live miserable lives blighted by loneliness, ill health and poverty, with 13% below the poverty line.	On yo ol 'm
Older people are often portrayed in the Western media as frail, dependent, incapable and victimised.	<b>Marxists</b> saw <b>youth subcultures</b> as examples of <b>class conflict</b> . Groups such as the punks and skinheads represented working-class youths rebelling against the <b>bourgeois</b> system.	Yo by ev to
<b>Laslett</b> has described old age as a ' <b>third age</b> ' where individuals have the chance to redefine themselves from a range of identities. They have the health, wealth and time to use volunteering, working, exercising, spending time with family, etc.	The elderly lose the <b>status</b> they may have gained from work. This can be particularly difficult for men to adapt to.	Un chi we as wo tes 19
The <b>feminist McRobbie</b> has argued that youth subcultures are <b>malestream</b> and <b>patriarchal</b> , with girls excluded or marginalised as girlfriends or hangers on. This is because girls are socialised to be more submissive or are more <b>socially controlled</b> by their families.	<b>Postmodernists</b> see the whole concept of youth subcultures as a simplistic <b>metanarrative</b> . They believe that twenty-first century youths move between cultures for fun, <b>picking and mixing</b> different elements from the <b>global media</b> .	As ex for are hex
The <b>functionalist Parsons</b> saw <b>youth subcultures</b> as a way for the adolescents to avoid <b>status frustration</b> and <b>anomie</b> at a time when they were between the status of children and adults.	The elderly may well face <b>ageism</b> . This discrimination may lead to them being infantilised (treated like children) or prevent them from finding work. The <b>media</b> also stereotype the elderly as 'grumpy old farts' in programmes such as <i>One Foot in the Grave</i> .	The im soc The for ed sul ave

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## Age and identity



- ✓ The relationship of identity to age in contemporary society
- ✓ How individuals are socialised into the social constructs of age
- ✓ How an individual's experiences and sense of identity are shaped by age
- ✓ Their relative importance and the extent to which age is changing

Age, like gender, is **not just biological**. We have a biological age (the minimum age for certain tasks or roles it would be physically impossible for a baby or some old people to do).

Nevertheless, sociologists generally see age as a **cultural construct** with the meanings of the young and old varying between different societies and times in history.

For instance, in many **non-Western cultures** (and in tribal cultures) **old age is not** associated with wisdom. In **Western cultures** it is stigmatised while youth is celebrated. Adolescence is seen as a difficult period associated with aggressive or troubled behaviour. Recently the concept of the 'teenager' did not exist.

Indeed, the distinctions between infancy, childhood, youth, middle age and old age. In the 1800s, there was **no concept of childhood** because as soon as children were born they went straight from infancy to a status of mini-adulthood. Today, by contrast, there is a **designated period of childhood** defined by education (from ages 5 to 18), by law (not drinking until 18 or driving until 17). Old age is similarly defined by law (not drinking until 18 or driving until 17) but is also moving as the state pension age rises and is likely to rise further.

**Marxists** have argued that **capitalism has played a key role in creating** the concepts of youth and old age being those who are too young or too elderly to work.

Age is also an extremely important source of **group identity**. Groups of people with similar experiences are referred to as '**generations**', with the 2011 British Social Attitudes survey finding that people were far more likely to socialise and 'bond' with people of the same age than with people of similar ethnicity, social class or gender, and that this was particularly true for older people.

This leads to **segregation** between age groups, and different generations experience life in different ways, although **Bradley** has argued that age is a less important source of identity than gender, ethnicity or even class, **childhood, youth, etc. are only to**

### Older people and identity

#### Hegemonic older masculinities

In the West, older people are often **seen as incapable and frail**. This is partly because they lose the role and status attached to working, which is something that men particularly struggle with. Also, as life expectancy increases (it is now 80 for women and 75 for men in Britain), the elderly spend longer in old age and so **experience more health problems**.

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## Non-hegemonic older identities

Nevertheless, as life expectancy grows, many retirees are healthier than longer, leading **Pilcher** to distinguish between the 'young old', 'middle' and 'old'. He described retirement as the '**third age**', a time of fulfilment and leisure with good health, wealth and time to choose from an increasing range of identities.

**Marhánková** refers to this as '**active ageing**'. Older people may choose to live with families (family life now goes on longer and the old are increasingly likely to be grandparents or great-grandchildren), to keep working (the **2010 Equality Act** made it easier to retire) or to forge new identities by volunteering, exercise or study (the U3A particularly caters for older people). The elderly are also a **powerful** market for companies targeting the '**grey pound**' with millions of '**super seniors**' and their opportunities.

**Postmodernist** ideas have highlighted this ability for the elderly to **pick and choose** between different identities, including the old to adopt younger appearances. There is, as a result, a blurring of their age (although most still do).

However, these non-hegemonic old identities tend to apply only to the **middle-class** elderly often live in far more difficult conditions due to poverty (below the poverty line), lack of an occupational pension, lower life expectancy and a greater chance of being widowed. Thus, there is a strong **link between poverty and old age**.

There also remains discrimination against the elderly in the form of **ageism**. Laws exclude the elderly from jury service and they may find it harder to get a job. The **media** in particular **stigmatise** the elderly, ridiculing them as 'grumpy old men' such as *One Foot in the Grave*, although elderly men are more likely to be targeted than women. Older women in particular are targeted with anti-ageing cosmetics in the media. News presenter Moira Stuart publicly attacked the BBC in 2005 for being too young, despite many male news presenters being older. This all suggests that ageism is **gendered**.

The elderly may also find it difficult to access healthcare, or be  **infantilised**. The ageing of the British population (7.8% are over 75 and there are more over 85 than ever before) means that the elderly may also face criticism in the media as a financial burden.

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- Make a mark on the line below and fill in the box to show your judgement remains a stigmatised identity.

**Not a stigmatised identity**

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**Now explain your judgement**

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## Young people and identity

The **media** arguably play a role in stigmatising the young in Western culture, even criminal portrayals on television and in the news. Stanley **Cohen** and newspapers created around the behaviour of young mods and rockers in the 1960s the term 'folk devils'. Teenagers today still tend to be more condemned than previous generations.

In tribal societies children tended to become adults at the time of puberty through **rites of passage** (for instance, a boy might have to perform a rite of passage to adulthood, and a girl would be inducted into sexual matters by older women).

This is no longer the case, and teenagers have the freedom to spend time and money on their own, which enables them to form **youth subcultures**. These originated in the 1950s and 1960s when it was no longer the norm for adolescents to work in factories or on farms. Teenagers began to be targeted with consumer goods such as records, clothes and make-up. The **peer group** became massively important for young people, at a time when they mostly lack the pressure of work or family. Youth subcultures became associated with youth subcultures such as Teddy boys, punks, New Romantics, emos and many more.

These **youth subcultures** were often based on **bricolage**, the combining of existing objects to create something new. For instance, punks accessorised their clothing with everyday objects such as toilet chains and safety pins along with bondage gear, swastikas, extravagant hairstyles and habits such as spitting and swearing.

**Different theorists** have explained **youth subcultures** in a variety of ways. **Parsons** saw them as a way for adolescents to avoid **status frustration**. Youth subcultures played a positive role in preventing **anomie** (lack of identity) in the young, who in tribal societies became adults through rites of passage.

However, critics argue that **functionalists** overlook the diversity of youth subcultures and their negative effects (e.g. the violence and racism associated with skinheads).

**Marxists** instead saw **youth subcultures** as representing **class conflict**, resisting bourgeois adult hegemony. Unlike the **functionalists**, they did not see youth subcultures as **homogeneous** (identical) and paid particular attention to more working-class youth subcultures, such as **skinheads**, whom they saw as trying to reassert traditional proletarian values in the face of the decline of the traditional working class in the 1980s. **Punk** was a significant **rebellion** against polite bourgeois society in the 1970s, while the mods movement, reacting against the boredom of their **bourgeois lives** and class, was a rebellion against the boredom of their **bourgeois lives** and class.

However, **Marxist** interpretations have also been criticised, firstly for ignoring the fact that youth movements often had cross-class memberships. They also ignore ethnic dimensions to youth movements.

**Postmodernists** and **interactionists** also think that **Marxists** exaggerate the significance of youth cultures. For them, they may simply be about fun or driven by the **panics** out of unconnected events, or as a way to sell goods to the young.

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Angela **McRobbie** argues that in today's **media-saturated society** class subcultures, and that young people adopt a huge range of different identities.

**Feminists** have investigated youth subcultures from a gender perspective. **malestream** and **patriarchal**. **McRobbie** argued that girls were marginal hangers-on in groups such as punks and skinheads, or were excluded altogether. They were more **socially controlled** by their families and so forbidden from going to gigs that were the focus of these subcultures, or because they were socially unacceptable.

**McRobbie** argued that girls, by contrast, developed **bedroom cultures** where they read magazines and talk with friends about boys, music, make-up, etc. rather than going out.

However, it could be argued that in the modern age of **social media** both boys and girls can engage in **bedroom culture**. Also, in the twenty-first century society and culture, it is argued that young women are freer to go out and join **youth subcultures**.

**Postmodernists** have tended to see the idea of **youth movements** as simply a marketing strategy for profit. They argue that **Marxist** and **functionalist** concepts of youth are flawed **metanarratives** (**Lyotard**) based on generalisations, where in reality young people create **subcultures** beyond millions of young people **picking and mixing** from different influences.

**Bennett** has argued that the young now use **social media** to move between 'tribes', adopting different identities in different situations irrespective of their age. Critics, as always, would argue that **postmodernists** don't really have a clear definition of **subcultures**.

Finally, some sociologists have argued that the phenomenon of youth subcultures is exaggerated, with only a small minority ever joining groups such as the punks. Most young people are conformist and share the same values as their elders.

- Shade in the perspective on youth culture that you agree with most.
- Now explain your judgement.



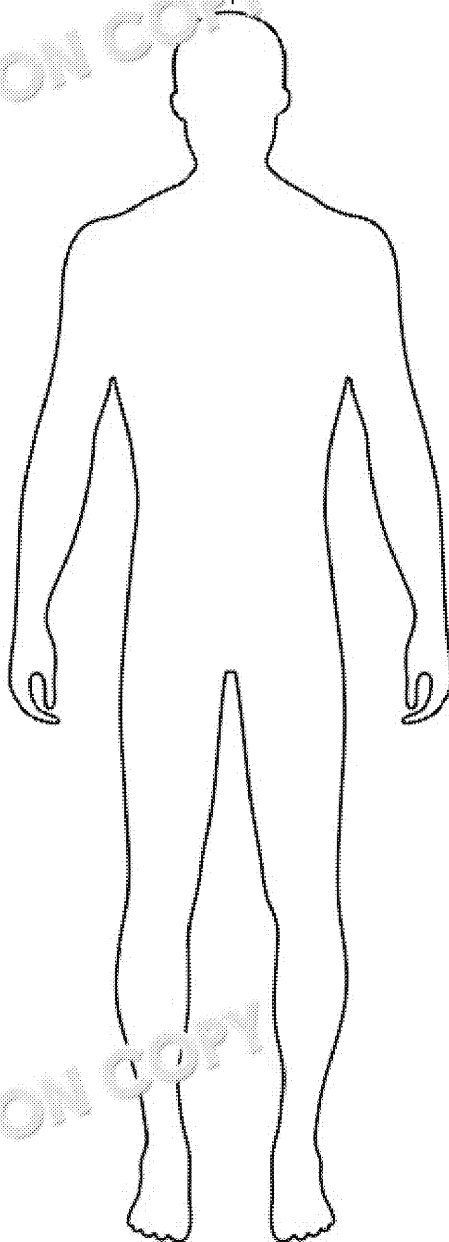
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## Dress to impress

Marxists

Functionalists



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## Lesson plan 19: Revision of lea

### Lesson learning aims

- ✓ To revise learning so far



### You will need:

- ☐ Traffic light syllabus
- ☐ Post-it notes
- ☐ Debate feedback sheet
- ☐ Taboo revision cards
- ☐ Revision clock

### Starter

**Traffic lights:** Students can light the syllabus so far. Green shading areas that they are confident of, amber ones where they have some uncertainty for now, and red ones where they feel very uncertain of (or ticks, lines and crosses if they prefer). Explain that they have not yet covered the last section of the syllabus.

**Download and print the syllabus here:**

<https://filestore.aqa.org.uk/resources/sociology/specifications/AQA-7>

### Main

#### Teacher talks:

Students discuss areas that they have shaded red. Teacher and students discuss these.

#### Main task:

**Post-it debates:** Students write the name of a sociologist from the syllabus on a post-it note and stick it to another student's forehead. Students then take turns to ask questions to identify the sociologist on their own forehead.

Students then group themselves into different sociological perspectives (Marxists, functionalists, etc.).

Students then pair up with a sociologist of a different perspective. They take turns to be the expert, explaining why their interpretation is superior to the other. This should help them revise. You can make this more challenging if students spend time researching their sociologist's key terms, etc. to use in their explanation if this revision activity is to be successful.

Students then debate in front of the class, with their classmates jotting down their thoughts. They use the feedback sheet. This should help them revise. You can make this more challenging if students spend time researching their sociologist's key terms, etc. to use in their explanation if this revision activity is to be successful.



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**Revision card activities:**

In pairs, students pick a revision card each (they should use the cards from the previous lesson) and then become that sociologist and argue their perspective against their partner.

Students pick a revision card and try to pick another one that is linked to it.

Students pick a revision card and then try to pick another one that contrasts it.

**Revision clock:**

Students are given the revision clock sheet (the one copied onto A3). They are given two minutes to fill in the outer section of each segment with key concepts and sociologists. They do this for each segment but not the final three segments on production, consumption and globalisation studied (these are included if students want to use the same sheet at the end of the lesson).

Once students have done this they can see where their knowledge of the segments where they have been able to recall fewer concepts and sociologists and add notes to these sections.

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Shade the syllabus for the exam in the

Red = I don't know this at all  
Amber = I know this a bit  
Green = I know this well

## Debate feedback sheet

<b>Sociologist</b>		<b>vs</b>	
<b>Perspective</b>			
<b>Key terms/ knowledge</b> 			
<b>Sociologist</b>		<b>vs</b>	
<b>Perspective</b>			
<b>Key terms/ knowledge</b>			
<b>Sociologist</b>		<b>vs</b>	
<b>Perspective</b>			
<b>Key terms/ knowledge</b>			
<b>Sociologist</b>		<b>vs</b>	
<b>Perspective</b> 			
<b>Key terms/ knowledge</b>			


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Gilroy		
+	-	
Heterogenous African-Caribbean identity 'Black Atlantic' Black/white hybridisation	Slavery ended over 150 years ago in USA and Britain.	+
		Disability = stigmatised Master/slave
Angela McRobbie feminist		
+	-	+
Portrayals in girls' magazines changed 1970s Jackie to 1990s Just Seventeen Male gaze Men scrutinised Female gaze Women hang-on in subcultures and excluded Bedroom culture Youth subcultures media generated	Deterministic Boys can be dominant culture with social media Marxists see youth subcultures as class-based	Cultural homogenisation Globalisation of culture 30,000 McDonalds in 119 countries
Wolf		
+	-	+
Media and gender roles Female body image in media 'beauty myth'	Ignores class, etc.	Choice over consumption Liverpool Homogeneity of leisure classes: alcohol, high-culture leisure, little time
Lyotard postmodernist		
+	-	+
Metanarratives irrelevant Micro theories Competing truths	Ignores class, gender, etc.	Cultural diversity Cultural superiority National symbols Globalisation Diaspora and hybridity Globalisation back to rise of Islam
+	-	+
Opposition pattern Instant gratification Neutrality pattern Extension pattern	Malestream Overlooks choice and part-time employment	Gender limits Childcare and part-time Gender socialisation (shopping/food) Male patriarchy Domestic labour as shift work Media consumption

John <b>Clarke</b> and Chas <b>Critcher</b> neo-Marxists	
<p><b>+</b></p> <p>Media manipulation of leisure</p> <p>Media saturation</p> <p>Profit</p> <p>Healthy workforce</p>	<p><b>-</b></p> <p>Ignores consumer choice (<b>postmodernists</b>)</p>
	
<p><b>+</b></p> <p>Leisure as work</p> <p>Leisure not defined by class</p>	<p><b>-</b></p>

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<p><b>+</b></p> <p>Liquid mode</p> <p>Globalisa</p> <p>Social me</p> <p>Lack of permaner</p> <p>Declining impor</p> <p>productio</p> <p>Symbolic cons</p> <p>Seduced cor</p> <p>Repressed cor</p> <p>Global inequalities</p> <p>all can shop for</p>

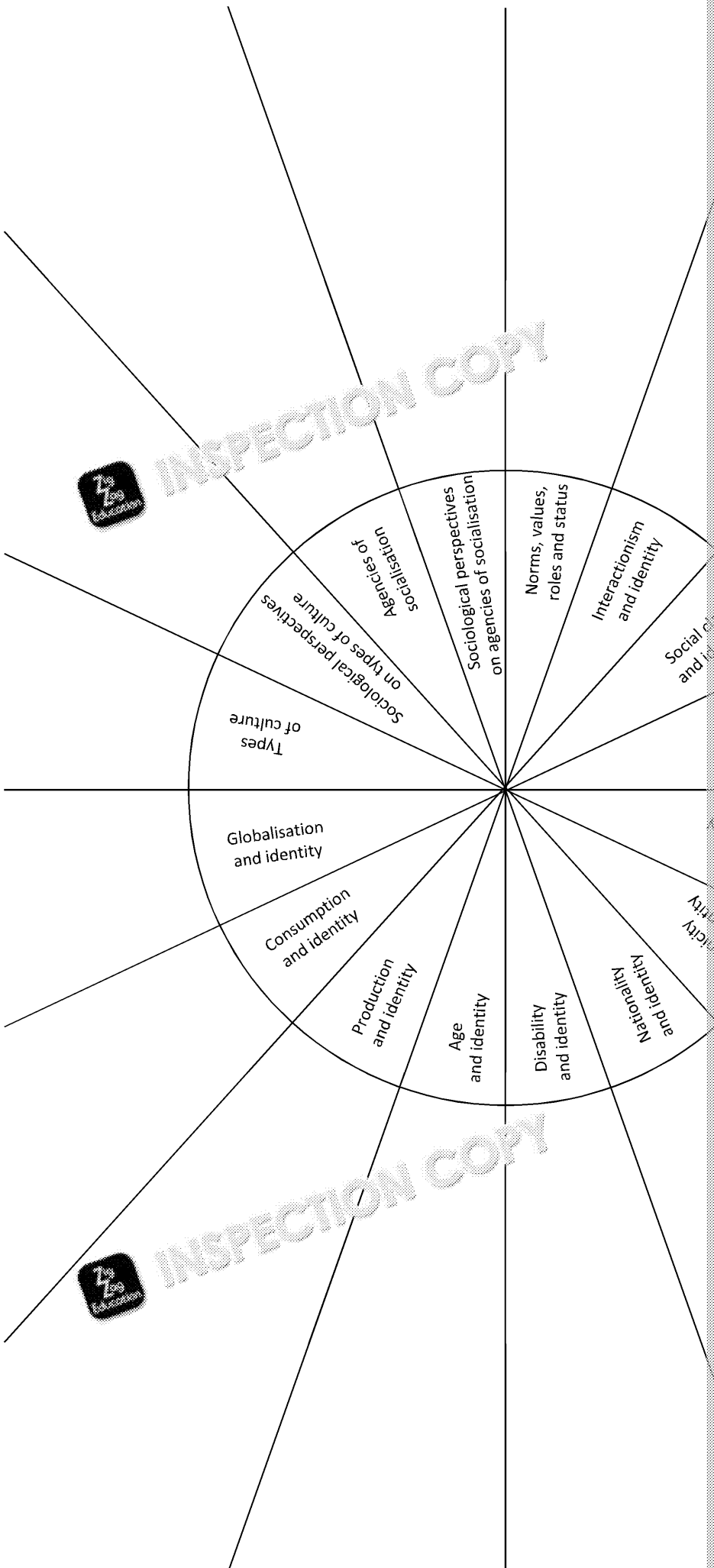
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## Lesson plan 20: Exam practice

### Lesson learning aims

To recap work so far:

- ✓ To carry out summative exam practice
- ✓ To feedback on the exam



### You will need:

- ☐ Sociology practice
- ☐ 10-mark peer review
- ☐ 20-mark peer review
- Lesson 10
- ☐ Feedback checklist

### Main

#### Main task:

Complete practice exam.

### Plenary

**Peer-marking:** Students can mark their own or partner's exam and offer feedback. This will be collected in (if time allows).

**Feedback and target-setting:** In a subsequent lesson, once exams are marked, students fill in the checklist for the questions.

For each question, they tick or cross the boxes to show whether they have used a technique. Then they count the crosses in each column to identify where they need to improve. Then, based on this, fill in the boxes for what they have done well, what they need to improve it. For example, two crosses in the **evaluate your knowledge** column. **what I need to improve:** 'Evaluate my knowledge in more depth' and 'I am not a sociologist who disagrees with the point and explain their argument'.

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## Sociology Paper 2: Culture and Identity

**Time:** 1 hour

Answer on lined paper.

1. Outline and explain **two** ways that Marxists would explain youth subcultures.

### Item A

Gender identities have changed a great deal in Western societies. Women's access to higher education and, to an extent, in work. Postmodernists have also emphasised the importance of presenting a wide range of non-hegemonic gender identities.

2. Applying material from **Item A**, analyse **two reasons** for changing gender identities.

### Item B

Postmodernists claim that globalisation and hybridisation caused by the internet mean that national identities and nationalism are no longer relevant. Evidence from our laws, and nationality is diluted as we can choose identities from different countries. Structuralists would also argue gender and class are far more enduring than nationality. The recent Brexit vote and rise of parties such as UKIP have suggested that national identity is becoming increasingly important.

3. Applying material from **Item B** and your knowledge, evaluate the extent to which nationality is no longer an important source of identity. **[20 marks]**

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## Feedback on Sociology mock P

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Did you...?	twice.	Analyse and evaluate your knowledge in depth.	Write in paragraphs.	Explain your points with sufficient accurate knowledge.	Use points to stay focused on all parts of the question.
01 Outline and explain two ways that Marxists would explain youth culture.					
02 Applying material from Item A, explain two reasons for changing gender identities. [10]					
03 Applying material from Item B and your own knowledge, evaluate the view that nationalism is no longer an important source of identity. [20]					
<b>TOTAL CROSSES X</b>					
Enough revision?	Spellings (three times correctly)				
Effective revision?					
Did you get your timings right?					
<b>What went well</b>	1. 2.				
<b>What I need to improve</b>	1. 2.				
<b>How I can improve it</b>	1. 2.				

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## Lesson plan 21: The significance of production as a source of identity

### Lesson learning aims

- ✓ To reinforce technique for 10-mark question
- ✓ To understand the relationship of work/production to identity



### You will need

- ☐ 10-mark question
- ☐ 10-mark question
- ☐ lesson 3
- ☐ Spider diagram
- ☐ Notes handout

### Starter

- **10-mark question starter:** This activity works as feedback on the first exam practice in the previous lesson. Students label the boxes whether the information relates to the question on youth subcultures last lesson, or to work (today's lesson). Next, students colour the parts three colours according to whether they are points, knowledge or analysis in order to make up the two paragraphs.
- Students then colour-code and sequence the parts of the work (W) and they guess the question and how many marks it would have been worth and explain **two** ways in which work may affect leisure' for 10 marks introduction to today's lesson.

### Main

#### Teacher talks:

Outline from the starter task the significance of production in forming identity

#### Main task:

**Spider diagram:** Students use the notes handout to add details onto the spider diagram. They can feed back by giving a piece of information and then picking another piece of information related to the same point.

### Plenary

**Exam practice:** Students use their notes and the handout to add more knowledge to the answer they put together in the starter task.

**Alternative:** Students could answer the following 10-mark question (using the notes handout required):

'Outline and explain **two ways** in which the importance of work as a source of identity' [10 marks]

**9 to 5:** Students listen to the lyrics of the Dolly Parton song '9 to 5'. They listen and then sociologically analyse them using the key terms and concepts, e.g. 'It's all taking and no giving' could be analysed by Parker's theory of the relationship between work and leisure, wherein workers are alienated by dull, demotivating work.

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1. Outline and explain **two ways** that Marxists would explain youth subculture. [10 marks]

Marxists would argue that youth subculture is essentially a form of rebellion. For instance, the punks were seen as rebelling against hegemonic culture, and the skinheads were seen as rebelling against hegemonic bourgeois values of ugliness and antisocial behaviour. The skinhead movement of the 1960s was a proletarian reaction to the destruction of the traditional working-class values of rebellion against authority. Therefore, Marxists are of youth subcultures in a way that functionalists are not. Different youth subcultures represent proletarian youths rebelling against the bourgeoisie at different times.

Youth subcultures could also be seen by Marxists as a form of rebellion. For instance, they saw the hippie movement of the 1960s as a rebellion against the boredom of middle-class life. In other words, Marxists were able to see that subcultures could occur in the hegemonic bourgeoisie, who were the ruling class. Yet class conflict was still involved here for the hippies were the proletariat. Yet class conflict was still involved here for the hippies fought with the rocker youth subculture, which was seen as a form of rebellion.

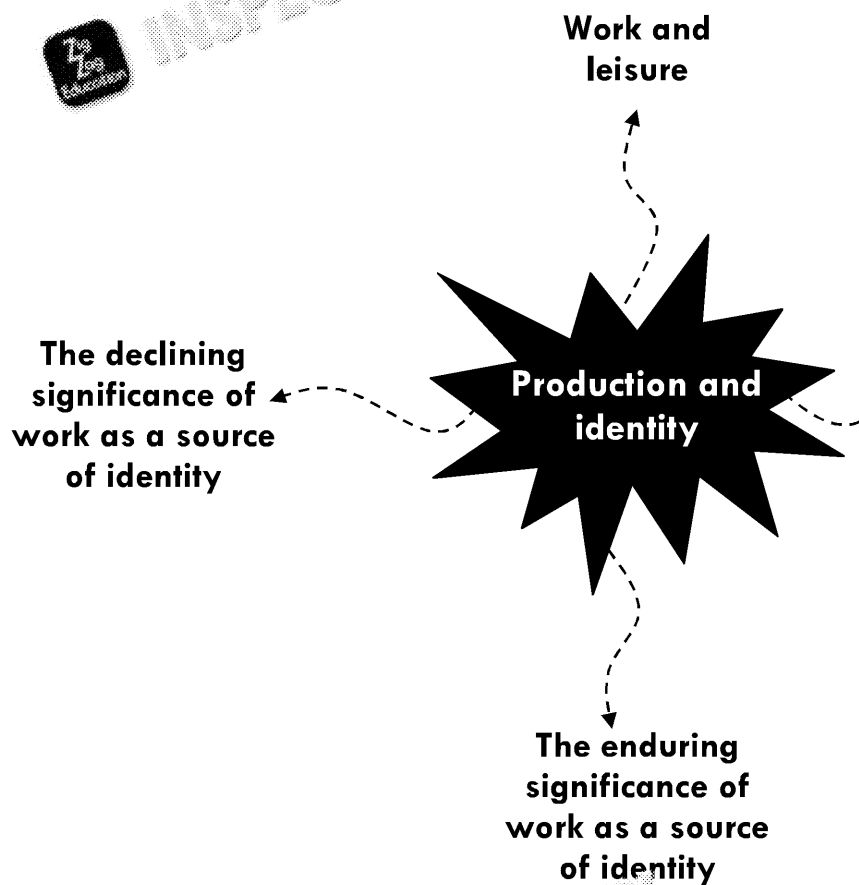
2. Outline and explain **two ways** that work may affect leisure. [10 marks]

Parker explained how work could exist in opposition to leisure. For instance, male-dominated hard, dangerous working-class jobs such as mining were a central aspect of life and used to escape the hardship of work. Leisure was a form of gratification (heavy drinking, etc.). In other words, those in traditional working-class jobs are alienated by their work, an idea that closely supports Marxist theory. The opposition pattern explains why they might turn willingly to destructive leisure activities.

There may also be a relationship of extension between work and leisure. For instance, for professionals such as doctors or teachers, work is leading them to use leisure time to network with other professionals or run trips with students during holidays. Therefore, middle-class and higher status jobs see work as an important positive part of their lives. The working-class men in the opposition pattern, welcome opportunities they enjoy, to their leisure.

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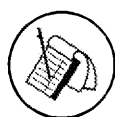




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# Production and identity



## Specification area 5

- ✓ The relationship of identity to production, consumption and leisure
- ✓ How identity is shaped by traditional structures, such as the family, the workplace and the state, and the relationship between work and leisure (including social class): **Roberts, Bourdieu, Parker**

## The importance of production (work) as a source of identity

Work (also referred to as **production**) has been accepted as a major source of identity in many societies, although some, particularly **post-modernists**, have argued that in modern societies **leisure** (or **consumption**) has become more important.



**Marxists** have always maintained that **production** is the source of identity, because the work that we do defines our identity. In the past, those who did manual work, the **bourgeoisie** more clerical, and those who did no work at all. **Bourdieu** highlighted how jobs influence identity by defining **culture and leisure**. The **bourgeoisie** had **high culture** and the **proletariat** low culture.

**Gini** agrees that work is not just an economic necessity (a way of getting money) but is also important in defining the way we see ourselves and that others see us. **Class, status and identity** are attached to particular jobs (one of the first things people ask is what job they do). It provides **self-esteem**, which can, therefore, be a source of pride. Unemployment. Work structures our time and occupies most of our waking hours. Work and 65. Work also affects our quality of life and **life chances**, with some jobs draining shift work which can even reduce life expectancy, although getting money, which in turn leads to better health, diet and education for children. **Group** that often comes with a job, are important sources of **secondary socialisation**.

Stanley **Parker** interviewed workers about the **relationship between their work and leisure**. He found three, class-based patterns:

1. **Opposition pattern:** This pattern applied to those occupied in dangerous, manual, working-class jobs such as coal mining, fishing or steel work. Men in these jobs hated their work and used their **leisure to escape from and forget it**. This tended to involve a culture of **instant gratification** through heavy drinking, etc. Work was completely separate from leisure.
2. **Neurotic pattern:** This pattern related to those involved in boring production with no satisfaction, unlike in the **extension pattern**, but nor was it as demanding, like the **opposition pattern**. There was, therefore, no leisure pursuits, which were often family-based and included day-to-day activities.
3. **Extension pattern:** **Parker** argued that this pattern applied to high-status jobs in medicine, law, management, education, etc. Here, workers found their identity in their work and **derived their identity from them**. Therefore, **leisure time was an extension of work**, such as networking with clients or colleagues, reading or playing sports. As a result, there was least distinction between production and leisure in this pattern.



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However, **Parker**'s model has been criticised from a number of perspectives and **Deem** argued that his work was **malestream** and focused on full-time workers, neglecting women, who have less distinction between work and free time, childcare or domestic chores. Even those who worked full-time found that domestic chores and dealing with family emotional crises, the so-called

**Postmodernists** such as **Roberts** would criticise **Parker** by pointing out that there is more choice over leisure activities, and that co-workers usually have very different interests. They see **leisure** as independent of **production** and as more important in defining identity.

It has been pointed out that only 60% of those over 65 work in British society, and that work is part-time. **Parker**'s thesis lacks relevance for the retired or sick, for whom work is not an option.

Finally, **Rojek** has argued that although many people turn their hobbies into work, this is reversing **Parker**'s relationship.

## Lack of work

The **functionalist Durkheim** also sees work as an important source of identity, giving us roles within society. Therefore, a lack of work through unemployment or retirement can lead to confusion and **anomie** (a lack of identity caused by social change) so that unemployment can lead to a devastating loss of identity, with unemployment leading to reduced **life chances**, although today **most families in Britain living below the poverty line have a working member** (this may be in part-time or zero-hours contract work).

**Riach and Loretto** discovered that work was a particularly important source of identity for older people who often experienced difficulty when retiring or being made redundant. Some older people volunteer in order to avoid being branded with a **stigmatised identity** (e.g. welfare benefit cheats, or having to take on lower-paid jobs that might **spoil** their identity).

## The decline in production (work) as a source of identity

The **postmodernist 'end of work'** thesis suggests that production has been replaced by leisure and consumer goods in defining identity. This is because of the end of 'jobs for life' with an increase in temporary zero-hours contracts and part-time work. The **globalisation of labour** (for instance, the decline in the British steel industry, call centres being outsourced to India or immigration) has led to much more uncertainty over jobs, or at least what **Beck** referred to as the 'risk society'. **Bauman** argues that this means that jobs (**production**) no longer have the central permanence in our lives to be a major source of identity.

## The continuing importance of production for identity

**Doherty** has, however, criticised the 'end of work' thesis, examining a range of jobs, including taxi drivers and supermarket workers, and finding that they still viewed their work as a source of identity. **Doherty** claimed that jobs remained secure and permanent even in the face of left work it was due to economic recession rather than a more fluid job market.

**Doherty** also argued that even in low-status jobs workers derived real satisfaction from their co-workers, and that those in part-time employment still developed a sense of identity.

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- Make a mark on the line below and fill in the box to show your judgement. Think production (work) is as a source of identity.

**Not a source of identity**

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- Now explain your judgement.

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## Lesson plan 22: The significance of consumption as a source of identity

### Lesson learning aims

- ✓ To understand the relationship of consumption to identity
- ✓ To understand the constraints placed on identity choice by class, gender, ethnicity, etc.
- ✓ To revise the role of production, gender, age, ethnicity, etc. in constraining identity



### Starter

**Logos:** Give students pictures of logos for major companies. They can use them for a homework, or you can make them. Students then have to explain the logo to a partner, who has to draw them. This can be done in pairs or as a whole class. Put a logo on the board behind them and the class describe it to them to guess the company. This is an introduction to the power of consumption. It could be developed by asking students to identify identity associated with particular logos (e.g. 'chavvy') to develop the idea of identity and/or by discussing globalisation.

### Main

**Handouts:** Students read over and highlight the handouts, either as a class or individually.

**Balloon debate:** Make and place around the class cards with the headings 'class', 'age', 'ethnicity' and 'gender'. Students go to the card that they think is most important in defining identity. They can do this individually, explaining their reasons, or as a class. Then, in groups, they use the work from this lesson, but also from previous lessons, to discuss the importance of their factor in defining identity. Readjust the numbers in the balloons if necessary.

Students then make an opening statement for their group (they can elect a spokesperson to participate) in turns. Then they can question or rebut the arguments of the other groups. They then make a closing statement for their factor. Students fill in the sheet with their evaluations for each factor as they go along. At the end, students vote on the most important in defining identity, excluding their own. The winning group is the one with the most votes.

### Plenary

**Exam practice:** Students work in pairs. One is given the 20-mark question. They read the question to the other member of the pair, who has to jot down the answer. They then put the 20-mark question sheet aside and use the quotes from the item to answer the following 10-mark question:

1. 'Applying material from Item A, analyse **two constraints** that might limit choice.' [10 marks]

They can use the planning sheet from Lesson 3 if appropriate, but emphasise the need to write for both paragraphs.

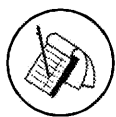
**Exam practice:** Students can plan or write the 20-mark question for homework.

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# Consumption and identity



✓ How identity is shaped by consumption choices, including how identity affects consumption/lifestyle/leisure choices: Clifford Rojek

## The importance of consumption as a source of identity

**Postmodernists** dismiss all one-dimensional explanations of identity (e.g. as **metanarratives** (Lyotard)). In particular, they have argued that **production** is a source of identity, and that it has been replaced by **consumption** in the 20th century. **Leisure** choices.

Historically, consumption was linked to **class**, and in the 1800s only the wealthy could afford **conspicuous consumption**. However, as living standards rose in the 20th century, and more people had the wealth to spend on consumer goods, it was claimed that by the 1970s **consumption** was no longer linked to one particular class, but an important way of expressing identity for all in the West.

The **postmodernist** Roberts researched leisure habits in Liverpool and found that television, gambling and drinking **across all** social classes. In addition, **high-cultural bourgeois** leisure pursuits, such as the theatre or visiting museums, took up a large amount of time and so did not significantly affect **middle-class** leisure patterns.

Celia **Lury** describes twenty-first century Britain as a **consumer society** where shopping is both an increasing use of leisure time and **source of identity**. People 'shop for identities', picking and mixing music, styles, labels, design and even their bodies through cosmetic surgery, tattoos, etc.

**Consumption** and the **presentation self** (Goffman) enable people to present themselves by discarding old barriers such as class, age or ethnicity in what is referred to as the **postmodernist** **claims that, unlike in the modernist period, leisure is no longer confined to specific groups**. For example, elderly clubbers and young knitters (although both these groups are still associated with their respective activities) to black music and transvestite men and women.

Branding and celebrity trends are more and more important, and **consumption** is now often done on credit and online. Indeed, in the digital age **postmodernists argue that consumption is now done in the home through social media** rather than outside and in groups, as in the past (e.g. music halls).

Nevertheless, **leisure** and **tourism** have also become ways of expressing identity. Holiday choices reflect not only an individual's wealth, but also their **tastes and preferences**. Whether they go to Blackpool, clubbing in Ibiza, on a cruise, or trekking in the mountains, they are marketed in terms of lifestyle, from heritage 'Brontë country' to extreme sports. **Postmodernists**, many are now attracted to nostalgic historical holidays. 'Authentic' experiences with the sights and smells of Viking England (Jorvik Centre) or the Imperial War Museum to **get away from the uncertainty of the modern world**, ironically marketed through the mass media.

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Zygmunt **Bauman** investigated what he called **symbolic consumption**, a symbol used to define identity. For example, we may buy a pair of trainers for practical use, but for the label (e.g. Armani or Nike) and what it represents. It is an experience where we purchase symbols to project images, although **Bauman** says not everyone could afford to do so. He distinguished between **repressed consumers**, who want the goods and symbols they wanted, and **seduced consumers**, who are manipulated by companies to buy goods, **repressed consumers**, who, without the clothes, may find themselves excluded by their peer group, especially if

**However**, all of this ignores the fact that there are some (e.g. hippies) who are excluded altogether.

**Feminists** would also reject the idea of complete freedom of choice by people. Some activities (e.g. video games) remain heavily **gendered**, while ethnic minorities are excluded from certain sports.

John **Clarke** and Chas **Critcher** criticised not only **Parker** for ignoring the context of production, but also **Roberts** for suggesting there is too much choice. **Clarke** and **Critcher** see our leisure choices as manipulated by industry who choose what **consumption and leisure** choices to offer us and then market them (e.g. gambling, alcohol, holidays), marketing 'must have' goods and the 'Joneses'.

However, **postmodernists** would, for instance, point out the rise of phenomenological independent cinemas who challenge capitalist Hollywood blockbusters, or the growth in the health industry as driven by the capitalist system to make

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✓ To what extent can individuals choose and shape their social identities within wider social constructs? **Bauman** and **May**, **Deem**, **Strinati**

The **postmodernist Strinati** has portrayed the **media** as extremely important in shaping identity in our **global media-saturated society**, with social media in particular being a part of modern life. **Leisure** and **consumption**, therefore, become badges of status and markers of restrictions and stratification of gender, class, ethnicity, etc.

However, we have also seen **Clarke** and **Critcher**'s argument that the media can restrict choice by **manipulating consumers** for profit.

We have also seen a number of other factors that can **challenge the postmodernist view** that choice is unrestricted choice:

- **WORK (production)** is a major factor affecting the amount of time available for leisure. **Parker** showed the three different ways in which work can restrict choice, although his work has been criticised as both **malestream** and **middle class**.
- **CLASS** also remains relevant in restricting leisure choice. **Bauman** and **postmodernists** as naïve in arguing that all have the freedom to 'shop' for leisure in the twenty-first century. They argue that for those in the **working class** lack of money can restrict choice. They cannot buy designer clothes or expensive holidays. Their consumption is restricted to saving money and feeding their families. **Freedom of choice over leisure, therefore, only exists for the middle and upper classes.** **Bourdieu** argues that **cultural capital** required to engage in **high-cultural** pursuits.
- The social construct of **AGE** can restrict leisure opportunities. The **young** may have the time and money to **pick and mix** leisure opportunities. The **old** may find themselves limited by the **stigmatised identity** of old age and declining health. The **young** may have more time and money for leisure. Those with children (the **family life cycle**) may also lack money and time due to the pressures of home owning and children.
- **GENDER** limits leisure choices due to **socialisation**, particularly by the **media** and **peer group**, which encourage the idea that certain leisure activities are appropriate for women (e.g. shopping) and men (e.g. watching football). For **Deem**, **postmodernists** ignore the fact that **gender** remains a major factor in restricting women's leisure. For some women leisure time is dominated by children swimming, play dates, etc. **Deem** also highlights the **pressure (housework) on women's leisure time** due to the need to care for elderly relatives. He also points out the fact that women are more likely to be responsible for caring for elderly relatives than men.
- **Deem** also points out **patriarchal control** as limiting women's leisure choices. He argues that women may be frowned out late at night by their families, while husbands are more likely to be allowed to go out to clubs or pubs where they might attract more attention. This promotes the idea that women might be at risk in certain situations; therefore, their leisure choices are restricted.
- **ETHNICITY** can restrict leisure choices, whether by limiting choice through individuals being excluded from certain options due to racial discrimination (e.g. not being allowed to attend certain matches). **Asian** women may be less likely to spend time alone away from their families. **patriarchal control** (so there is a strong link between ethnicity and patriarchy). **Minorities** may spend a lot of their money on trips back to their countries of origin. **Leisure** limits may be less important for younger members of ethnic minorities.

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- Make a mark on the line below and fill in the box to show your judgement there is in choosing identity.

**No choice**

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- Now explain your judgement.

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## Debate sheet

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Factor	Members	Knowledge
Consumption		
Production		
Class		
Age		
Gender		
Ethnicity		

Read **Item A** below and answer the question that follows.

The postmodern view is that we have freedom of choice over our leisure choose who we want to be and our choice of consumption helps to create class, age, gender or ethnicity, we can become whoever we want by picking our consumption choices.

Applying material from **Item A** and your knowledge, evaluate the argument that we should choose their own identity. **[20 marks]**

**Introduction:** Explain the question and key terms in it.

<b>Point 1</b> agreeing or disagreeing with the question – you may refer to <b>the item</b>	
very good <b>evidence/</b> knowledge	
appropriate <b>analysis</b> <i>'In other words...'</i> <i>'Put simply...'</i> <i>'However...'</i> <i>'On the other hand...'</i>	
Mini-conclusion <b>linking back</b> to the question	


<b>Point 2</b> agreeing or disagreeing with the question – you may refer to <b>the item</b>	
very good <b>evidence/</b> knowledge	
appropriate <b>analysis</b> <i>'In other words...'</i> <i>'Put simply...'</i> <i>'However...'</i> <i>'On the other hand...'</i>	
Mini-conclusion <b>linking back</b> to the question	

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<b>Point 3</b> agreeing or disagreeing with the question – you may refer to <b>the item</b>	
very good <b>evidence/</b> knowledge	
appropriate <b>analysis</b> <i>'In other words...'</i> <i>'Put simply...'</i> <i>'However...'</i> <i>'On the other hand...'</i>	
Mini-conclusion <b>linking back to the question</b>	

<b>Point 4</b> agreeing or disagreeing with the question – you may refer to <b>the item</b>	
very good <b>evidence/</b> knowledge	
appropriate <b>analysis</b> <i>'In other words...'</i> <i>'Put simply...'</i> <i>'However...'</i> <i>'On the other hand...'</i>	
Mini-conclusion <b>linking back to the question</b>	

<b>Conclusion:</b> Come to a judgement for the question.  
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## Lesson plan 23: The significance and challenge to identity

### Lesson learning aims

- ✓ To examine the impact of globalisation on identity
- ✓ To recap previous work
- ✓ To recap the technique for 20-mark questions



### You will

- ☐ 'Earthrise'
- ☐ No
- ☐ 20

### Starter

- **Earthrise:** Show the famous 'earthrise' photograph and use it to introduce the topic of globalisation.
- **Telephone:** Students sit in rows of four. Give the student at the end of the row a 20-mark question. They whisper it to their neighbour, who then whispers it to their neighbour, and so on. The student at the other end of the row has to jot down as many points as they can.

### Main

**Teacher talks:** Use the quotes from the item to introduce the debate over the importance of globalisation.

**Main task:** Students read the notes, either individually and highlighting key points or in pairs, discussing the judgement on the importance of globalisation.

**Knock-out debates:** Follow up with a four corners activity for the statement 'Globalisation is more important than consumption in creating identity'. Students strongly disagree, disagree, agree, or strongly agree. The statement and then separate into two teams, those who agree and those who disagree. Balance the teams up.

Students then debate the topic, with the teacher awarding marks for points made and for the use of sociologists' names.

Then the winning team are divided into two and allocated to the two sides of the debate. 'Globalisation is more important than consumption in creating identity'. They prepare. Before the debate you could go around the other members of the class and award points for and against the motion in order to keep them engaged. Award points for the previous debate.

Then divide the winning team and embark on the next debate. Continue this process until there is only one student left, the champion of champions!

- Production is more important than consumption in creating identity.
- Production is more important than age in creating identity.
- Consumption is more important than ethnicity in creating identity.
- Nationality is more important than gender in creating identity.
- Sexuality is more important than disability in creating identity.

### Plenary

**No-pens essay:** Students use the writing frame to come up with an oral essay. You can feed back on this around the class.

**Exam practice:** Students can answer the 20-mark question for homework.

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# Globalisation and identity



✓ The effect of globalisation on identity: Ritzer, Hall, Anders

**Globalisation** = the increasing interconnectedness of the world

**Globalisation** affects politics and activism and also **impacts on a local** instance, global television series such as *Who wants to be a millionaire?* and local audiences, prices in shops are reduced by **cheap global labour** in more goods, fashions and diets being available on the high street. This globalisation on local culture is known as **glocalisation** or **glocalism**.

**Postmodernists** argue that due to globalisation identity in the twenty-first century has changed **more than at any time in history**, making the traditional limits of ethnicity, age and production irrelevant.

**Bauman** referred to this freedom of choice and lack of stability as '**liquid modernity**'. **Globalised media** and **social media** mean that identities change and become fluid, there is no point committing to one fixed identity. The young in particular, although **Bauman** recognised that **inequalities meant that globalisation did not benefit everyone**, he argued that **globalisation meant that everyone could participate**.

We have seen the impact of globalisation on identity in a number of different ways:

- **YOUTH CULTURES** have become less clear as **social media** allow for the **hybridisation** of identities. It has also enabled global friendships and **activism** on global issues.
- **GLOBAL INDUSTRIES** and labour markers have reduced national boundaries. **Hall** investigated how the US fast food industry produced homogenised products globally, with 33,000 McDonald's restaurants in 119 countries, KFC, Starbucks, Subway, Burger King, etc. However, this is arguably **Americanisation** rather than **globalisation** of culture.
- **GLOBAL TOURISM** enables people to experience different cultures and to adopt their own identity in their host cultures. **Hall** sees the Internet as 'the global supermarket'.
- **Hall** has also emphasised the impact of **DIASPORAS** in affecting culture and identity locally. In some areas these have produced new **hybrid identities**, while in other areas there has been a backlash, with both **immigrant communities** and **hegemonic communities** **strengthening their identities**. Evidence for this **rejection of globalisation** can be seen both in the recent growth of Islam, and in the Brexit vote and rise of 'Little Englanders' who hark back to an old 'pure' English identity.

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- Make a mark on the line below and fill in the box to show your judgement on how globalisation is in creating identity.

**Insignificant**

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- Now explain your judgement.

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Read **Item A** below and answer the question that follows.

Globalisation has now rendered all other forms of identity obsolete. Processes take place on a global scale and the saturation of the global media over ethnic, class and even gender stratifications.

Applying material from **Item A** and your knowledge, evaluate the view that other forms of identity obsolete. [20 marks]


**Introduction:** Explain the question and key terms in it.

<b>Point 1</b> agreeing or disagreeing with the question – you may refer to <b>the item</b>	
<b>very good evidence/ knowledge</b>	
<b>appropriate analysis</b> <i>'In other words...'</i> <i>'Put simply...'</i> <i>'However...'</i> <i>'On the other hand...'</i>	
<b>Mini-conclusion linking back to the question</b>	


<b>Point 2</b> agreeing or disagreeing with the question – you may refer to <b>the item</b>	
<b>very good evidence/ knowledge</b>	
<b>appropriate analysis</b> <i>'In other words...'</i> <i>'Put simply...'</i> <i>'However...'</i> <i>'On the other hand...'</i>	
<b>Mini-conclusion linking back to the question</b>	

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<b>Point 3</b> agreeing or disagreeing with the question – you may refer to <b>the item</b>	
very good <b>evidence/</b> knowledge	
appropriate <b>analysis</b> <i>'In other words...'</i> <i>'Put simply...'</i> <i>'However...'</i> <i>'On the other hand...'</i>	
Mini-  conclusion <b>linking back to the question</b>	

<b>Point 4</b> agreeing or disagreeing with the question – you may refer to <b>the item</b>	
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appropriate <b>analysis</b> <i>'In other words...'</i> <i>'Put simply...'</i> <i>'However...'</i> <i>'On the other hand...'</i>	
Mini-conclusion <b>linking back to the question</b>	

<b>Conclusion:</b> Come to a judgement on the question. 
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## Lesson plan 24: Exam practice

### Lesson learning aims

- ✓ To revise work on production, consumption and globalisation
- ✓ To practise exam technique



### You will need:

- ☐ Practice exam questions
- ☐ Peer marks of a classmate (marker), Lesson 10 (20-marker)

### Main

**Exam practice:** Students complete the exam questions. I have included a

### Plenary

**Peer-marking:** Students use the peer mark schemes from Lessons 2, 3 and 4, then mark the papers and offer feedback to partners, before handing in

**Feedback:** Students could use the feedback grid from the mock exam in

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# Sociology AS Level Paper 2: Culture

**Time:** 1 hour

Answer on lined paper.

1. Define the term 'globalisation'. [2 marks]
2. Using **one example**, briefly explain what is meant by 'diaspora'. [2 marks]
3. Outline **three ways** that work affects leisure. [6 marks]
4. Outline and explain **two ways** in which globalisation is changing identity.

## Item A

Postmodernist sociologists have developed the 'end of work' thesis. They argue that work plays a major role in defining identity in the twenty-first century. This is often, or do not work, so that they lack the security to form identities and the place of production as the main source of identity.

5. Applying material from **Item A** and your knowledge, evaluate social importance of work in forming identity. [20 marks]

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## Sociology A Level Paper 2: Culture and Identity

**Time:** 1 hour

Answer on lined paper.

1. Outline and explain **two ways** in which globalisation is changing identity.

### Item A

Traditionally, structuralist sociologists have seen factors such as class, gender and ethnicity as key to explaining social identities. Postmodernists, however, have come to see consumption as important. In this way, individuals are able to choose or 'shop' for identities.

2. Applying material from **Item A**, analyse **two ways** in which consumption influences identity. [10 marks]

### Item B

Postmodernist sociologists have developed the 'end of work' thesis. They argue that work no longer plays a major role in defining identity in the twenty-first century. This is because people often, or do not work, so that they lack the security to form identities around work. Instead, the place of production as the main source of identity.

3. Applying material from **Item B** and your knowledge, evaluate social identity. [20 marks]

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