

YEAR 13

SUBJECT : Sociology

Knowledge Focus: Research Methods SY4



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This half term: Skills, Knowledge and Understanding to be developed:

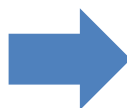
The focus in this component is on research methods. Learners should understand how methods of social enquiry have developed over time into a well-understood and careful process that can be applied to the study of any social phenomena.

Key words:

Validity, reliability, sampling, analysis, objectivity, bias, ethical consideration, qualitative, quantitative, theory, research, questionnaire, interview, observations, case studies, pilot study, data collection and permission.

Week 1 & 2 Learning Objectives and Outcomes:

- Recap over year 12 and research methods, learners need to bring in their folders from year 12 to use the resources.
- Discuss the different between positivism and interpretivism.
- Explain the pros, cons and examples of qualitative and quantitative data.



Mock Exam

Objective assessments:

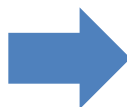
Students can identify and describe how to identify the research project needed for certain tasks. Students should discuss the quality of evidence, selection of method and how research is undertaken.

Homework:

Learn the key words for a quiz next lesson.

Week 3&4 Learning Objectives and Outcomes:

- Evaluate different types of research methods; questionnaires, interviews, observations, focus groups and official statistics.
- Explore the pros and cons of different methods.
- Link methods to different scenarios to decide which type would be best suited for certain situations.
- Discuss the benefits of low cost research methods.



Objective assessments:

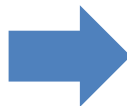
Students can identify and describe the pros and cons of different research types from: questionnaires, interviews and focus groups.

Homework:

Create flash cards for each method of research.

Week 5&6 Learning Objectives and Outcomes:

- Discuss the validity and reliability of certain research projects.
- Explain each concept in detail and explain how a researcher would have to consider each element in order for their research to be successful.
- Understand the examination linked to research and the skills needed to complete the unit
- Complete exam style questions linked to SY4 1A.



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Objective assessments:

Students can identify ethical issues within research projects and explain how they will overcome them. Students should also explore the problem of validity and reliability when conducting research.

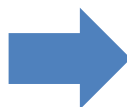
Homework:

Revise for the end of unit Summative Assessment.

Week 7 Learning Objectives and Outcomes:

- Reflect over research methods and analyse the project format
- Prepare the project for the examination

Dirt time – ensure that folders are up to date and a practical revision resource.



Objective assessments:

Students will create their own research project and analyse it using GROVER