

Personal Learning Checklist (PLC)

Paper 2 -Topics in Sociology

Unit: Beliefs in Society

RAG how well you know the following content:		A-B	C-D	>D	Do you have revision materials on this?	Content that needs recapping or clarifying from teacher.
	The different sociological definitions of religion and at least one criticism of using each.					
1. Theories of religion -Topic 1	Functionalist theories of religion, examples that illustrate these theories and at least one criticism/ counterargument of each theory.					
	Marxist theories of religion, examples that illustrate these theories and at least one criticism/ counterargument of each theory.					
	Feminist theories of religion, examples that illustrate these theories and at least one criticism/ counterargument of each theory.					
2.The relationship between religion and social change and social stability – Topic 2	To know the different ways religion has been a source of social change.					
	Different sociological explanations of the role of religion in promoting social change and at least one criticism/ counterargument of each.					
3.The significance of religion and religiosity in the contemporary world–Topic 3 & 4	The main trends in patterns of religious belief and practice in the UK and US					
	Secularisation, its possible causes, sociological views of what this might mean for the significance of religion in contemporary society and at least one criticism of each view.					
	New forms of religious beliefs, sociological views of what this might means for the significance of religion in contemporary society and at least one criticism of each view.					
4.The significance of religion and religiosity in a global text - Topic 5	The different ways religion interacts with the globalising world, sociological explanations of how this might lead to fundamentalism and international conflict and at least one criticism/ counterargument of each.					
	Religious fundamentalism, its characteristics, sociological explanations of its nature and at least one criticism/ counterargument of each.					
	The role of religion in economic development in a globalising world and examples of this.					
5. Religious/ spiritual organisations, movements, beliefs and practices and their relationship with social groups -Topic 6	The different types of religious organisations, sociological explanations of their growth and at least one criticism/ counterargument of each.					
	The main patterns of participation in religion by gender and age, reasons for these patterns and how these might be changing.					
6. Ideology and science as belief systems– Topic 7	The difference between open and closed belief systems.					
	Sociological views of science as a belief system and at least one criticism/ counterargument of each.					
	The nature of ideology, sociological views of this and at least one criticism/ counterargument of each.					