

## A Level Sociology

### Essential Bridging Work

**If you intend to enrol on this course you must complete the following bridging work ahead of your first lesson and bring it with you.** It should take you about 4 hours to complete the work.

<b>Topic</b>	Types of family structure and changes in the family
<b>Task</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Research and describe the following types of family structure:             <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Nuclear family</li> <li>b) Extended family</li> <li>c) Classic extended family</li> <li>d) Modified extended family</li> <li>e) Beanpole family</li> <li>f) Patriarchal family</li> <li>g) Matriarchal family</li> <li>h) Symmetrical family</li> <li>i) Reconstituted or blended family</li> <li>j) Lone parent family</li> <li>k) Gay or lesbian family</li> <li>l) Single person households</li> </ol> </li> <li>2) Find examples of cultures/societies which have matriarchal, patriarchal and symmetrical families.</li> <li>3) How could the following aspects of society be responsible for changes in family structure:             <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) The workplace/employment</li> <li>b) Education</li> <li>c) Changes in the law</li> <li>d) The welfare state</li> </ol> </li> <li>4) There are different theories about whether the family is positive or negative for society:             <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) How might the family contribute to the smooth running of society overall?</li> <li>b) How might it be seen as a way of controlling our behaviour?</li> </ol> </li> <li>5) Write a side of A4 summarising which types of family structure are declining in the UK and which types of family structure are increasing. Ensure you include reasons why these family structures are changing.</li> </ol>
<b>Resources</b>	<a href="http://www.sociology.org.uk">www.sociology.org.uk</a> <a href="http://www.polity.co.uk/kenbrowne/resources.asp">http://www.polity.co.uk/kenbrowne/resources.asp</a> <a href="https://www.tutor2u.net/sociology">https://www.tutor2u.net/sociology</a>
<b>Presentation</b>	Handwritten on A4 lined paper in blue or black ink. Please bring it to your first lesson to be handed in.