

## O Level Sociology (2251)

### Frequently Asked Questions

#### **Can students take dictionaries into the examination?**

Candidates are not permitted to take dictionaries into the examination.

#### **Is there a preferred order for teaching O Level Sociology?**

No, although the basic syllabus order is often followed. To a large extent, it depends on the individual department or teacher and the preparation of the students in the previous school years.

#### **How many hours contact time do you recommend for O Level Sociology?**

There is no set rule. Over a two-year course, some 2 to 2.5 hours per week of lessons should be sufficient. Students will need to do extra work in their own time to supplement this.

#### **Can I teach the O Level course in one year?**

It has been known for Centres to teach O Level Sociology in one year on 4 x 70 minute lessons per week. Consequently, this is only to be considered when candidates are taking a fairly small number of O Levels in total, say four or five. If the pupils have good prior knowledge of some topics, it should be possible.

#### **What support materials are available?**

- Syllabus
- Level Sociology Standards Booklet (this contains student answers to O Level questions along with the mark scheme, marks and comments of a senior examiner)
- Past question papers and mark schemes

All the above are available from CIE Publications and the Teacher Support website.

#### **Can you suggest any websites that could be used as teaching aids?**

- <http://www.le.ac.uk/education/centres/ATSS/atss.html> - The Association for the Teaching of the Social Sciences (ATSS)
- <http://www.philipallan.co.uk> – Sociology Review

#### **I am having problems getting hold of the recommended textbooks. Can you help?**

Most of the textbooks can be obtained over the Internet. The following websites may be of interest:

- [www.amazon.co.uk](http://www.amazon.co.uk)
- [www.heffers.co.uk](http://www.heffers.co.uk)