3 TOPICS – 100 marks across the paper		
Topic 5 – Stratification		
Topic 6 – Crime and deviance		
Topic 7 – Applied research methods		
PAPER 2 Confidence Grid		
5 Social differentiation and stratification	RAG	Tick
5.1 Sociological theories of stratification		
conflict versus consensus debate on stratification		
consensus view of Functionalism		
• Functionalist theory of stratification		
o Davis and Moore's theory on the role of stratification in terms of effective role allocation		
and performances linked to the promise of rewards		
o meritocracy		1
conflict view of Marxism		
Marxist theory of social stratification		1
o socio-economic classifications and two class system		
o power of bourgeoisie to exploit the proletariat and to maintain their position		
o false class consciousness		
• conflict view of Weber		
Weberian theory of stratification		
o socio-economic classifications		
o theory of class, status and party		
• conflict view of Feminism		
o Feminist views on patriarchy and stratification		
5.2 Different forms and sources of power and authority		
formal and informal sources of power		
agencies of social control		
Weberian theory of authority:		
o traditional		
o charismatic and		
o rational-legal		
5.3 Equality/inequality in relation to class, gender, ethnicity, age, disability and sexuality		
• evidence and examples should be used to demonstrate equality/inequality in		
contemporary UK drawn from the following areas:		
o education		
o crime		
o income and wealth		
o health		
o family		
o work		
o media		
5.4 Factors which may influence access to life chances and power		
• factors which may influence class, gender, ethnicity, age, disability and sexuality o social construction of identity/roles, status		
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o scapegoating		
o media representation		
o legislation		
o moral panics		
o sub-cultures		
with specific reference to social class		
o private schooling o old boys' network		
o old boys network		
5.4 Factors which may influence access to life chances and power (CONTINUED)	RAG	Tick
o affluent worker, including the work of Devine		
<ul> <li>with specific reference to gender</li> </ul>		
o sexism		
o glass ceiling		
o patriarchy, including the work of Walby		
o crisis of masculinity		
<ul> <li>with specific reference to ethnicity</li> </ul>		
o racism, institutional racism		
<ul> <li>with specific reference to age</li> </ul>		
o ageism		
<ul> <li>with specific reference to disability</li> </ul>		
o medical and social models of disability		
<ul> <li>with specific reference to sexuality</li> </ul>		
o homophobia		
<ul> <li>religion and belief</li> </ul>		
5.5 Poverty as a social issue		
• absolute and relative poverty, including the work of Townsend on relative deprivation		
material deprivation		
• groups prone to poverty		
• culture of poverty, including the work of Murray on the underclass		
cycle of deprivation		
social exclusion and inclusion		
• impact of globalisation		

6 Crime and deviance	RAG	Tick
6.1 Social construction of concepts of crime and deviance		
• what is crime?		
• what is deviance?		
<ul> <li>historical and cultural variations</li> </ul>		
<ul> <li>social construction of crime and deviance</li> </ul>		
6.2 Social control		
<ul> <li>informal and formal social control and unwritten rules</li> </ul>		
<ul> <li>agencies of informal social control</li> </ul>		
o family		
o peer group		
o education		
o religion		
o media		

• sanctions		
formal social control		
o role of the police and courts		
6.3 Patterns of criminal and deviant behaviour		
• patterns of criminal behaviour by:		
o social class		
o ethnicity		
o age		
o gender		
6.4 Sociological theories and explanations of deviance and criminal behaviour		
(structural, subcultural, interactionist and feminist)		
<ul> <li>conflict versus consensus debate</li> </ul>		
<ul> <li>consensus view of Functionalism</li> </ul>		
o functions of crime		
o anomie, including the work of Merton and strain theory		
Subcultural theory		
o Albert Cohen and delinquent sub-cultures		
• conflict view of Marxism		
o Chambliss and differential enforcement of the law		
o white collar and corporate crime		
6.4 Sociological theories and explanations of deviance and criminal behaviour	RAG	Tick
(structural, subcultural, interactionist and feminist) (CONTINUED)		
Interactionism		
o notion of the typical offender		
o labelling		
o self-fulfilling prophecy, including the work of Becker and the deviant career		
o moral panics		
conflict view of Feminism		
o social control, including the work of Heidensohn on female conformity in a male		
dominated society		
owomen and poverty including the work of Carlen		
o chivalry thesis		
ethnicity and crime		
o racism		
o institutional racism		
o scapegoating		
6.5 Sources of data on crime		
patterns and trends of criminal behaviour		
official statistics		
victim and self-report studies		
usefulness of sources of data on crime		
o dark figure of crime		
o unreported and unrecorded crime		
o police bias and labelling		
o moral panics o invisible crime		

7 Applied methods of sociological enquiry	RAG	Tick
7.1 The process of research design		
<ul> <li>choosing a research area</li> </ul>		
<ul> <li>establishing an aim and/or hypothesis</li> </ul>		
• choosing a method		
• use of pilot study		
<ul> <li>selection of sampling techniques</li> </ul>		
• analysis of data		
<ul> <li>usefulness of mixed methods approach</li> </ul>		
7.2 Interpreting data		
<ul> <li>how to interpret graphs, diagrams, charts and tables in order to discern patterns and</li> </ul>		
trends		