# **Functionalist View of Education**

### WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW:

- □ The four functions of the education according to the functionalists.
- □ The function of education according to the New Right.
- □ Strengths and Limitations of the functionalist and New Right views of Education.

#### **KEY TERMS FOR THIS TOPIC**

- Socialisation
- Role Allocation
- Universalistic Values
- Particularistic Values
- Solidarity
- Social Cohesion
- Meritocracy
- Norms
- Values
- Ascribed Status
- Achieved Status
- Sifts and Sorts
- Social Stratification
- Specialist Skills
- Parentocracy

#### **KEY THINKERS**

- Durkheim
- Parsons
- Davis and Moore
- Schultz
- Hargreaves
- Chubb & Moe

RESOURCES			
ISB Education Part 1: P10 - 18			
	<ul> <li>Webb, Westergaard, Trobe and Townend:67 – 70</li> <li>Browne: 27 - 29</li> <li>Collins: 4 - 6</li> <li>Hodder: 50 - 51</li> </ul>		
	<ul> <li><u>Hectic Teacher's A Level Site</u></li> <li><u>Revise Sociology</u></li> <li><u>History Learning Site</u></li> </ul>		
You Tube	<ul> <li><u>Esher Sociology</u></li> <li><u>Alexandra Sugden</u></li> </ul>		

#### **TEMPLATES:**

All Templates are in PowerPoint or Word format for you to either print off or write in and save.

- ESQ 7
  - 10 Markers No item
    - <u>10 markers with item</u>

#### Essays –

- <u>Argument Essay</u>
- <u>Relative Importance Essay</u>
- Methods in Context

These are to be uploaded to the shared area.



## NOTE TAKING TASK

To ensure that your notes are complete and cover all the necessary content, you need to make sure that you are answering each of the questions below.

Functionalist View of Education	New Right View of Education	Evaluation of the functionalist and New right Views of Education.	
What is the general view of the role of education held by the functionalists?	How does the New Right view of education differ to that of the functionalists?	How does the interactionist Wong, criticize the functionalist view of education?	
What does Durkheim view as the main function of		How do the conflict perspectives criticise the functionalist view of education?	
education? What does Parson view as	What do the New right mean		
the main function of education?	when they talk about competition in school?	What is the myth of meritocracy?	
What does Schultz view as			
the main function of education?	What do the New Right mean when they talk about competition between schools		
What does Davis and Moore view as the main function of education?		What are the criticisms of the New Right ideas of competition in and between schools?	
PRIORITISATION Once you have taken your notes, colour code the question according to your			

Once you have taken your notes, colour code the question according to your level of confidence.

Fairly confident

Don't get it

Need some help

I got this!



### CONSOLIDATION:

Page 10 from the Collins Textbook

Answer all the questions in full and complete sentences and at least three sentences for each answer.



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The functionalists believe that social institutions like the education system work to benefit society as a whole. They believe that the education system helps to maintain social solidarity and cohesion through secondary socialisation. However conflict theories, such as the Marxists, believe that the education system recreates inequality rather than social cohesion.

Applying material from the item and your own knowledge, evaluate the view that the role of education is to maintain social cohesion. [30]