

Worksheet 9: Essay planning answers

Identify four points that would support the view in the given question.

For each of these points give sociological evidence that supports the point.

Then do the same for points against the view and support these with evidence.

This will give a structure for your essay that then needs the points to be developed.

Example using a question taken from Paper 1 Socialisation, Identity and Methods of Research (June 2022)

Question: <i>Evaluate the view that age is the main influence on a person's identity</i>			
Points to support the view in the question		Points against the view in the question	
Point	Evidence	Point	Evidence
<i>Stages of life course</i>	<i>Bradley</i>	<i>Age boundaries weakening</i>	<i>Giddens</i>
<i>Early socialisation and age groups</i>	<i>Pilcher</i>	<i>Death of childhood</i>	<i>Postman</i>
<i>Adolescence and rites of passage</i>	<i>Examples such as Bar Mitzvah</i>	<i>Combination of influences</i>	<i>Postmodernism</i>
<i>Ageism and infantilisation of old</i>	<i>Phillipson or contemporary examples</i>	<i>Wealth overcoming ageing</i>	<i>Examples such as Madonna</i>