



GCSEs
Top tips for
revision

Top tips for revision in: **BIOLOGY**

Top 5 tips for revision in Biology:

1. Know the key words
2. Know your units
3. Use MyGCSEScience to
 - Watch the videos
 - Do the recall multiple choice questions
 - Answer the long answer mark scheme, mark it and evaluate your answer
5. Practise exam questions

An example of a short question is:

What is the process by which water is lost from the leaves of a plant? Tick () one box.

Top tip:

TICK the correct number of boxes!

An example of a long question is:

Some people who take beta blockers get out of breath when they exercise.

Explain why beta blockers can have this effect during exercise.

You should refer to information given in Table 2. [6 marks]

Top tip:

Don't forget to refer to the table and give examples from it

Key revision tools:

- MyGCSE Science – All Year 11 have log ins (check Google classroom announcements)
- Kerboodle – Textbook and revision
- AQA website – past papers and mark schemes

Top tips for revision in: **BUSINESS STUDIES**

Top 5 tips for revision in Business Studies:

1. **Practice! Doing past exam papers prepares you for the real thing**
2. **Read the source booklet carefully and highlight the key points**
3. **Always apply your answers to the case study**
4. **Learn your formulae for your calculation questions (there's no way around this!)**
5. **You need to use your wider knowledge of business when answering 12 mark questions**

An example of a short question is:

Explain one reason why an entrepreneur would produce a business plan

Top tip:

**Only give the examiner one reason as no extra marks will be awarded for more than one reason
Use 'Point, this means that, as a result' for your answer in order to maximise your marks**

An example of a long question is:

Evaluate whether Sally's business idea is likely to be a success. You should use the information provided as well as your knowledge of business

Top tip:

Always remember the Assessment Objectives being assessed

A01 : Knowledge and understanding of business concepts and issues

A02: Detailed application of knowledge and understanding

A03a: Analysis and evaluation

A03b: Make a judgement

Key revision tools:

- **Revision Guide: CGP GCSE Edexcel Business For the Grade 9-1 Course**
- **CGP GCSE Business Revision Question Cards**
- **BBC Bitesize – new MCQs (10 MCQs on each topic and sub-topic with immediate feedback)**
- **Seneca Learning**
- **Two Teachers YouTube channel**
- **Go back to slides and topic notes posted on Google Classroom**

Top tips for revision in: CHEMISTRY

Top 5 tips for revision in Chemistry:

1. Know the key words
2. Use your periodic table
3. Know your units
4. Use MyGCSEScience to Watch the videos
 - Do the recall multiple choice questions
 - Answer the long answer mark scheme, mark it and evaluate your answer
5. Practise exam questions

An example of a short question is:

Aluminium is produced by electrolysis of a molten mixture.

Complete the sentence. Choose the answers from the box. [2 marks]

Top tip:

Make sure you **CHOOSE** words from the box!

An example of a long question is:

Describe a method to investigate how the temperature changes when different masses of ammonium nitrate are dissolved in water. [6 marks]

Top tip:

Don't forget to make clear what your independent, dependent and control variables are

Key revision tools:

- MyGCSE Science – All Year 11 have log ins (check Google classroom announcements)
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Top tips for revision in: COMPUTER SCIENCE

Top 5 tips for revision in Computer Science:

1. Know your key terms , including the acronyms. There are a lot of acronyms in Computer Science!
2. Read the command words v ery carefully and tailor your response to the particular command word that is used in the question.
3. Look for overlaps between the units of study eg there are a lot of similarities in the sound and images units.
4. Write out any working out/calculations so that you can avoid a mistake.
5. Use the checklist on Google classroom to plan your revision.

An example of a short question is: *Define what is meant by a Wide Area Network. (1 mark)*

Top tip:

Your response needs to be accurate (ie correctly use subject specific vocabulary) and you should not use the words “wide area” in your answer (ie avoid a circular definition). Instead say “large geographical area”.

An example of a long question is: *People often want to buy the most up-to-date smartphones, even though the smartphone they own still works. Discuss the impact of people wanting to upgrade to the latest smartphone. (8 marks)*

Top tip:

A discussion will present both sides of the argument in a balanced way before drawing conclusions. Try to focus on at least 3 main points and present arguments for and against for each.

Key revision tools:

- Google classroom resources including the checklist
- Your class textbook
- The OCR revision guide book (available in 214)
- “Craig n Dave” Youtube channel: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCOHzEBLWxlwBAHJ559JQg>
- Smartrevise and Seneca websites

Top tips for revision in: **DESIGN & TECHNOLOGY**

Top 5 tips for revision in Technology:

1. Consider all of the material areas even if they are not your specialism
2. Why does the selection of a particular material help the product?
3. What properties do different materials have?
4. How do we make things in different scales of production?
5. What effect do products or garments have on the environment?
6. Consider the types of finishes that different materials have.
7. If you state a point – justify it, and provide evidence!
8. Try practice questions from the EDUQAS website

An example of a short question is:

Analyse the environmental benefits of consumers crushing and recycling aluminium cans.

Top tip:

Make your point (1) Justify it (2)

An example of a long question is:

Evaluate why prototyping and modelling design ideas benefit both the designer and the manufacturer when designing a greetings card.

Top tip:

Consider all the reasons why we prototype and model before suggesting a final idea

Key revision tools:

- www.technologystudent.com
- <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/examspecs/z4nfwty>
- <https://www.focuselearning.co.uk/u/36929/ujdmDadjyiyMDefCinpamdulnfasABccs>

Top tips for revision in: **DRAMA**

Top 5 tips for revision in Drama:

1. Complete all Find Me summary sheets for scenes explored in lessons
2. Research fashion, music, interior design from the 1970s (the time period that Find Me is set)
3. Complete past papers
4. Read the education pack from the National Theatre about The Ocean at the End of the Lane
5. Plan a range of essays for section B – use examples/moments from The Ocean at the End of the Lane and the 'what, why, impact' structure

An example of a short question is:

Name two moments in the performance text you have studied where there is evidence of the historical context?

Top tip:

Do not spend too much time explaining what happens in the scene, this is not what the question is asking you

An example of a long question is:

As a designer how would you use lighting to communicate mood and atmosphere in the performance text you have studied?

Top tip:

When answering 8 mark questions use the 'what, why, impact' structure

Key revision tools:

- The National Theatre's Education Pack <https://oceanonstage.com/learning/>
- Find Me guide from OCR <https://www.ocr.org.uk/images/311844-find-me-teacher-guide.pdf>
- BBC Bitesize – <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/subjects/zbckjxs>

Top tips for revision in: **ECONOMICS**

Top 5 tips for revision in Economics

1. Practise MCQs at lunchtime using MCQ topic folders and Gradecam to check your answers.
2. Aim for 20–25 minutes per data response question in class and for homework. Additional data response questions are available for students for revision.
3. In a group of twos make mind-maps with definitions, diagrams and summary notes for each topic.
4. Use the one minute rant slideshow to organise your chain of reasoning, make sure you use the correct terminologies to describe the changes.
5. Look back at your assessment and rewrite the answers for questions you did not attain the highest mark.

Examples of Economics Paper 1 Introduction to Economics

1. Practise MCQs for section A on microeconomics,
2. Learn your microeconomic vocabulary and concepts
3. Revise demand and supply diagrams, PPF, economies of scale
4. Learn to calculate and interpret PED, PES, YED, revenue, profit/loss
5. Practise data response questions in Section B, particularly 6 mark questions.

Paper 1
in autumn
and spring
are full
papers

Examples of Economics Paper 2 National and International Economics

1. Practise MCQs for section A on macroeconomics,
2. Learn your macroeconomic vocabulary and concepts
3. Revise economic growth, unemployment, inflation, trade and ER
4. Learn to calculate GDP, GDP per capita, balance of trade, etc
5. Practise data-response questions for section B, particularly 6 mark questions.

Paper 2 half
a paper in
autumn and
full paper in
spring

Key revision tools:

- Past papers from Revision World
- <https://ondemand.tutor2u.net/students/ocr-gcse-9-1-economics-grade-booster-digital>
- <https://dineshbakshi.com/igcse-gcse-economics>
- Notes from your teacher and tutor2U
- Resources uploaded on Google Classroom.

Remember OCR GCSE (9-1) Economics past papers are available from Revision World under “Business” section

Top tips for revision in: **ENGLISH LANG**

Top 5 tips for revision in English Language:

1. Read over your notes, reminding yourself of the timings, answer structure & skills for each question.
2. Reflect on feedback from previous assessments & mock exams. Pick sections to improve.
3. Using your previous assessments, identify which questions you achieve the lowest marks in. Practise those questions.
4. Read short stories. Practise planning & writing your own descriptive/narrative pieces (perhaps using pictures for inspiration).
5. Read a selection of articles & non-fiction sources. Practise planning & writing your own polemical articles / speeches / letters.

Examples of Lang Paper 1 Questions:

1. Tick the correct answers (multiple choice)...
2. How does the writer use language to...
3. How does the writer structure the text to create _____?
4. To what extent do you agree/disagree (with the steer)...
5. Describe... / Write the opening of a story about...

Paper 1 is
in your
Autumn
Mock series

Examples of Lang Paper 2 Questions:

1. Choose 4 statements which are true. (shade 4 boxes)
2. Use both sources to write a summary of... (difference or similarity)
3. How does the writer use language to... (specified lines from one text)
4. Compare how the writers convey their attitudes... (both texts)
5. Write an article / letter / speech (about a given topic)

Paper 2 is
in your
Spring
Mock series

Key revision tools:

- Past papers supplied by your teacher.
- Prior feedback from your teacher.
- Notes from your folder.
- Resources uploaded on Google Classroom.

Remember that AQA have tweaked the Lang Paper 1 questions since you first studied the paper in Y10. Consult your teacher for further advice.

Top tips for revision in: ENGLISH LIT

Top 5 tips for revision in English Literature:

1. Regularly re-read the texts (particularly key sections).
2. Regular online quizzes.
3. Create mind-maps / flashcards for key quotes & context points.
4. Listen to any commentaries your teacher has posted online (e.g. the 'Romeo & Juliet' audio lessons).
5. Regularly plan exam questions (What would your topic sentences be? What quotes and context would you use to back them up?)

Examples of Lit Paper 1 Questions:

Paper 1 is in your Autumn Mock series

Romeo & Juliet, e.g.:

- Starting with this speech, explore how Shakespeare presents the effects of the conflict between the Capulet and the Montague families. (using the Prince's monologue from Act 1, Scene 1 as the extract)

A Christmas Carol, e.g.:

- Starting with this extract, explore how Dickens presents Scrooge's fears in 'A Christmas Carol' (using the arrival of the ghost at the start of Stave 4 as the extract)

Examples of Lit Paper 2 Questions:

Paper 2 is in your Spring Mock series

An Inspector Calls (You get a choice of two questions) e.g.:

- **EITHER:** How does Priestley present Eric as a character who changes his attitudes towards himself and others during the play.
- **OR:** How does Priestley explore the importance of social class in 'An Inspector Calls'?

Power & Conflict Poetry Anthology:

- Compare how poets present the ways people are affected by difficult experiences in 'Remains' and in one other poem from 'Power & Conflict.'

Unseen Poetry:

- **Question 1 – E.g.** In 'Poem 1', how does the poet present the speaker's feelings about...
- **Question 2 – E.g.** In both 'Poem 1' and 'Poem 2', the speakers describe 'X'... What are the similarities and/or differences between the methods these poets use to present these attitudes?

Key revision tools:

- Sample exam questions, supplied by your teacher.
- Prior assessment / exam feedback from your teacher.
- Notes from your folder / texts.
- Resources uploaded on Google Classroom.
- Study Guides
- Mind Maps / Flashcards / Quizzes / Film versions of the texts
- Massolit Lectures

Top tips for revision in: **FOOD PREP & NUTRITION**

Top 5 tips for revision in Food Preparation and Nutrition:

1. Complete practice questions
2. Get someone to test you by creating flash cards.
3. Know the sources and functions of each of the nutrients
4. When completing the long answer questions, analyse the nutritional information given and then evaluate it by linking it back to any health conditions that could be caused by consuming those nutrients.
5. To give examples wherever possible

An example of a short question is:

Explain with examples the differences between high biological value(HBV) proteins and low biological value(LBV) proteins [6]

Top tip: Explain what a high biological protein is, give an example of a food that contains HBV, explain what a low biological value protein is, give an example of a food that contains LBV, explain what protein complementation is, with an example.

An example of a long question is:

Bradley, a 25-year-old active male tries to make healthy choices using the Eatwell guide when planning meals. Information about two meals is given below. Using this information and your knowledge of healthy eating, nutrition and energy balance: assess the suitability of each meal for Bradley evaluate which is the healthier choice, justifying your reasons. [12]

Top tip: Explain the functions of each of the nutrients given in the two meal examples linking it back to Bradley who is an active 25 year old male. Give examples of the advice given in the Eatwell guide linking it back to the ingredients given in the two meals given and the benefits Bradley will gain by following the eatwell guide. Also give examples of health conditions that can arise if Bradley does not follow the eatwell guide and goes for the unhealthier option. Also explain what energy balance is and how this would relate to Bradley.

Key revision tools:

- CGP revision guide AQA Food Preparation and Nutrition Grades 9-1
- CGP revision flashcards AQA Food Preparation and nutrition Grades 9-1
- Seneca learning
- BBC Bitesize
- Past Papers on www.aqa.org.uk

Top tips for revision in: **FRENCH**

Top 5 tips for revision in French:

- Master the four main themes
- Regularly practise Listening, Speaking, Reading, and Writing.
- Use Specified Vocabulary
- Practise Translation Skills
- Utilise Revision Guides and Resources

An example of a Foundation question is:

Write a short paragraph in French. You must write about all three bullet points:

- Describe your town or village
- Write about a recent trip or holiday
- Say what you would like to do in the summer holidays

Top tip :

- Focus on the 3 bullet points separately
- 1–2 sentences for each
- Use present, past and future tenses
- Include opinions

An example of a Higher question is:

Write an essay in French. You must write about both bullet points:

- Describe your ideal school
- Explain which subjects or extra-curricular activities you would enjoy and why

Top tip :

- Plan your answer beforehand, including what tenses, vocabulary and complex structures you will use
- Include an opinion and a justification
- Include all 3 time frames, especially the 2 that are requested in the bullet points
- Include complex structures such as subjunctive, idioms, si clauses, etc.

Key revision tools:

- **Speaking booklet**
- **Tenses sheet**
- **Kerboodle – Interactive tasks and Digital Book**
- **Languagenut**

Top tips for revision in: **GEOGRAPHY**

Top 5 tips for revision in Geography:

1. Know your keywords. Keep a glossary for each topic and command words.
2. Practice! Doing practice questions gets you ready for the real thing.
3. Know your case studies. This includes place specific detail .
4. Know the key Maths skills and remember your calculator!
5. Evidence! Wherever possible include evidence in your answer.

An example of a short question is:

Explain one human cause of flooding. (2)

Top tip: Remember to only focus on one reason. Ensure use of commas and connectives when explaining.

An example of a long question is:

Assess the success of a bottom up development project designed to improve the lives of ordinary people. (8)

Top tip: BUG the question! Box the command word. Underline the key words. Glance at the number of marks available.

Always remember the AOs being assessed. A02 = knowledge and understanding. A03 – application of command word. A04 – use of the resource provided (when there is one).

Key revision tools:

- Pearson REVISE Edexcel GCSE (9–1) Geography B Revision Guide
- <https://www.physicsandmathstutor.com/geography-revision/gcse-edexcel-b/>
- <https://senecalearning.com/en-GB/seneca-certified-resources/geography-gcse-edexcel-b/>
- <https://qualifications.pearson.com/en/qualifications/edexcel-gcses/geography-b-2016.resources.html?filterQuery=category:Pearson-UK:Publisher%2FPearson>

Top tips for revision in: Health & Social Care

Top 5 tips for revision in Health and Social Care:

1. Know your keywords
2. Use google classroom to access all lessons
3. Think PIES when analysing impacts
4. Read a variety of case studies
5. Complete practice questions - the questions are the same, it's the case study that determines the answers



An example of a short question is:

Explain **one** impact of parenthood on Bex's emotional wellbeing. (2)

Top tip: The question will often state the number of responses required. Make sure you provide the number of responses to avoid losing marks. Ensure your answer is linked to the PIES stated

An example of a long question is:

Design a health and wellbeing improvement plan for Bex. Your plan should describe **three** recommended actions.

For each section:

- Set a short-term target
- Set a long-term target
- Explain how one source of support will help Bex to achieve the target.

Top tip: 1. READ THE CASE STUDY 2. Cover different areas: diet, exercise, mental wellbeing, social support 3. Always justify why the plan will improve their health and wellbeing

Key revision tools:

- Pearson Health and Social Care Revision Guide
- Pearson Health and Social Care Practice Assessment Plus+
- CGP Health and Social Care Revision Guide
- CGP Health and Social Care Exam Practice Workbook
- Past papers

Top tips for revision in: **HISTORY**

Top 5 tips for revision in History:

1. Know your key historical terms. Keep a glossary for each topic e.g. Germany
2. Practice! Doing exam practice questions gets you ready for the real thing.
3. Use google classroom. There are ScreenCastify or similar videos for every type of exam question, where you are talked through how to answer these.
4. Know your chronology! Make sure events and key people are in the right time periods in your answers.
5. Evidence! Wherever possible include evidence in your answer.

An example of a short question is:

Describe two features of the effects of poison gas in World War one. (4 marks)

Top tips:

Talk about two separate features. Give supporting evidence for each to ensure you get 2 marks for each feature.

An example of a long question is:

Write a narrative account analysing the events of the Indian Wars in the period 1862-68. You may use the following in your answer: -Little Crow's War(1862) - the Second Fort Laramie Treaty (1868). You must also use information of your own. (8 marks)

Top tips:

Go beyond the stimulus points. Have a clear start, middle and end of your narrative.

Include an outcome; what did this lead to. Use linking and process words to connect up the different parts of your narrative.

Key revision tools:

- Google classroom revision resources especially ScreenCastify and similar type videos, where the different types of questions across the different exam papers are talked through. Ask your teacher if you need help finding these
- 'My Revision Notes' GCSE History 9-1 (excellent revision booklets for Medicine, American West, Germany and Elizabeth.
- <https://senecalearning.com/en-GB/seneca-certified-resources/>

Top tips for revision in: **MATHS**

Top 5 tips for revision in Maths:

1. **Revise and practise all the course content by watching the explanatory clips on Mathswatch and working through the interactive questions.**
2. **Present your work clearly and show all your working out.**
3. **Memorise your formulae and check that you are using the correct equipment.**
4. **Practise Exam questions under exam condition – Read the whole question, underline your keywords and work methodically from there.**
5. **The best way to revise GCSE Maths is to DO lots of Maths**

An example of a short question is:

The first five terms of an arithmetic sequence are 1 4 7 10 13

Write down an expression, in terms of n , for the n th term of this sequence.

Top tip:

Find the common difference between two consecutive terms. Find the 0th term by working backwards from 1. Remember that the n th term should include both the difference and the 0th term such $3n-2$.

An example of a long question is:

Carlo puts tins into small boxes and into large boxes. He puts 6 tins into each small box. He puts 20 tins into each large box. Carlo puts a total of 3000 tins into the boxes so that number of tins in small boxes : number of tins in large boxes = 2 : 3

Carlo says that less than 30% of the boxes filled with tins are large boxes. Is Carlo correct? You must show all your working.

Top tip:

Read the question carefully and underline the key words. Work strategically by applying your knowledge of ratio and proportion first and then moving on to percentages. Make sure you that you give a conclusion at the end, eg) Carlo is correct/Carlo is incorrect.

Key revision tools:

- Mathswatch
- CorbettMaths
- Edexcel – Past papers
- BBC bitesize

Top tips for revision in: **MEDIA STUDIES**

Top 5 tips for revision in Media:

1. Know your keywords. Keep a glossary for each topic.
2. Make sure you understand the timings for each paper and each question– timekeeping is essential for success!
3. Practice! Completing practice questions gets you ready for the real thing– use the OCR website to gather past papers to work through. Planning responses or writing timed responses will really be beneficial.
4. Know your case studies for both exams. These include: The Observer, Vigil, The Avengers, The Lego Movie, MOJO, Radio One's Live Lounge and your set Music Videos.
5. Rewatch your TV case-study episodes. Ensure examples are fresh in your mind and you have memorised the key character names– you can find these episodes on our Google Classroom.
6. Make use of online resources tailored to the OCR specification– Mrs Fisher is a Media Studies teacher who has her own channel on YouTube. Studio Binder is another great filmmaking website / Youtube channel with lots of videos overviewing key terms.

An example of a short question is:

Identify one source of funding for the BBC. (1)

Top tip: Remember to only focus on one example and be specific and to the point. Do not forget to mention that the BBC is a public service broadcaster.

An example of a long question is:

Explain how music videos use media language to promote their artists? (10 marks)

Top tip:

- Box the command word and underline the key words. Glance at the number of marks available and ensure you know how long you have to answer.
- Always remember to use the correct case studies for your answer..
- Please remember to explain media language correctly, explore connotation and provide plenty of examples.

Key revision tools:

- REVISE OCR GCSE (9–1) Media Studies Revision Guide
- Revise and make notes and spider diagrams from your exercise book
- Resources on Google Classroom
- Online resources such as Mrs Fisher Videos and the filmmaking channel: Studio Binder.

Top tips for revision in: **MUSIC**

Top 5 tips for revision in Music:

1. Listen to each set work whilst following the score (at least 5 times for each piece).
2. Create flash cards for each set work with MADTSHIRTS info.
3. Familiarise yourself with the sections/key signatures/cadences/melody lines/harmony etc on the score for each piece.
4. Complete listening practice questions using the revision guide, BBC Bitesize or CGP revision guide.
5. Map out and practice Section B essay questions using the musical elements to help structure your answer.

An example of a short question is:

Listen to the following extract and describe the instrumental part at the beginning of the melody.

Top tip: Listen carefully to what you hear. They are only asking you to describe the melody (the tune). Is it ornamented? Is it conjunct? Use the MADTSHIRTS adjectives grid as a guide.

An example of a long question is:

Section B

You will hear extracts from Area of Study ____: One familiar and one unfamiliar. In order to answer the questions refer to the source booklet.

Evaluate how effectively both pieces use instrumentation and music technology.

Top tip: Plan your paragraphs PEEL! Use MADTSHIRTS to help you structure this.

Key revision tools:

- Anthology of Music
- Set Work MP3 extracts
- BBC Bitesize
- CGP Music GCSE Edexcel Revision Guide
- Resources on Google Classroom

Top tips for revision in: PE

Top 5 tips for revision in PE:

1. Know the definitions & correct spelling of all subject specific vocabulary (<https://filestore.aqa.org.uk/resources/pe/AQA-8582-VOCAB.PDF>)

2. Know what each command word wants you to write about.

E.g. what is the difference between describe and explain?

(<https://filestore.aqa.org.uk/resources/pe/AQA-8582-COMMANDWORDS.PDF>)

3. Have a wide range of sporting examples to apply to answers where needed

4. Complete practice exam questions

5. Recap each area of assessment to ensure you can fully complete extended answer questions (AO1, AO2, AO3)

An example of a short question is:

Anna is a young athlete who is a member of her local athletics club. She has SMART targets. What do the S, M and T in SMART stand for? (3 marks)

Top tip:

[AO1 = 3]

You only have to state what S, M & T stand for - no other information is required.

An example of a long question is: Analyse how a performer uses the different stages of the basic information processing model to catch a ball. (6 marks)

Top tip:

[AO1 = 1 AO2 = 2 AO3 = 3] Follow the structure below for each point you make about the information processing model, ensuring your answer includes the correct amount of AOs needed to access full marks

AO1 – Knowledge of the basic information processing model eg input

AO2 – Application of the basic information processing model to catching a ball eg Input – sight of the ball moving towards the player.

AO3 – Analysis of the basic information processing model to catching a ball eg (Input) Information from the display – where is the ball coming from/what speed the ball is travelling/the angle the ball is travelling/is there any spin on the ball.

Key revision tools:

- <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/examspecs/zp49cwx>
- <https://app.senecalearning.com/login>
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5fsZxOKTPGw>
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ibdz6I6dj0A>

Top tips for revision in: **PHYSICS**

Top 5 tips for revision in Physics:

1. Know the key words
2. Learn the formulae
3. Know your units
4. Use MyGCSEScience to
 - Watch the videos
 - Do the recall multiple choice questions
 - Answer the long answer mark scheme, mark it and evaluate your answer
5. Practise exam questions

An example of a short question is:

What is the function of the earth wire inside the cable? [1 mark] Tick one box.

Top tip:

TICK the correct number of boxes!

An example of a long question is:

As the temperature of the air decreased from 20 °C to -190 °C the argon changed from a gas to a liquid to a solid. Explain the changes in the arrangement and movement of the particles of the argon as the temperature of the air decreased. 6 marks

Top tip:

Use bullet points in full sentences to answer your 6 markers

Key revision tools:

- MyGCSE Science – All Year 11 have log ins (check Google classroom announcements)
- Kerboodle – Textbook and revision
- AQA website – past papers and mark schemes

Top tips for revision in: **RS**

Top tips for revision in RS:

Know the key terms and definitions for each unit of work, across three Components. Eduqas expects you to use religious vocabulary accurately.

These are listed on the specification and have been highlighted in lessons/ posted on Google Classrooms.

Examples: 'sacraments, atonement'.

Make flashcards with key terms/ quotes.

Understand the command words of your exam board: Define, Describe, Explain and Discuss.

Practice essay planning and writing under timed conditions.

An example of a short question is:

'Describe what happened at the Resurrection of Jesus.' 5 marks

Tips:

- Define any key terms of the questions.
- Ask why do Christians believe in resurrection?
- How does belief in resurrection affect them?

An example of a long question is:

'Human suffering means there cannot be real God' Discuss.

Top tip:

- Look again into any key words you can write the meaning of. In this case, suffering.
- Explain different views on the matter.
- Evaluate strengths/weaknesses of the different views presented and come to a conclusion with an overall judgement.

Eduqas website:

https://www.eduqas.co.uk/qualifications/religious-studies-gcse/#tab_keydocuments

Knowledge organisers for CI: <https://resourcefilter.eduqas.co.uk/en/Religious%20Studies/r/1190>

Blended learning resources across different Components:

<https://resources.eduqas.co.uk/Pages/SearchResources.aspx>

BBC bitesize on Eduqas Religious Studies

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/examspecs/z68sjhv>

Top tips for revision in: **SOCIOLOGY**

Top tips for revision in Sociology

Know the key terms and definitions for each topic area across the AQA GCSE Sociology course. AQA expects you to use sociological vocabulary accurately in your answers. These are listed in the specification and have been highlighted in lessons/posted on Google Classrooms. Examples: 'norms, social stratification'. Make flashcards with key terms and relevant sociologists/ studies. Understand the command words of your exam board: Identify, Describe, Explain and Discuss. Practice essay planning and writing under timed conditions.

An example of a short question is:

- Describe one change in family structures in the UK. (4 marks)
- **Tips:**
- Name the change clearly (e.g., "There are more lone-parent families now than in the past").
Give a brief fact or statistic to support it (e.g., "In 2023, around 23% of families with dependent children were lone-parent families").
Link it to a trend (e.g., "This shows that family structures are more diverse than in the 1970s").

An example of a long question is:

"The family has a positive impact on children's life chances." Discuss. (12 marks)

Tip:

- Start by **defining key terms** clearly (e.g., family, life chances).
- **Explain different sociological views** or evidence, such as Functionalist, Marxist, and Feminist perspectives.
- **Evaluate the strengths and weaknesses** of each view, considering how convincing the evidence is.

Revision Tools

Seneca Learning – Sociology: <https://www.senecalearning.com/en-GB/revision-notes/gcse/sociology/aqa>

Save My Exams – Sociology: <https://www.savemyexams.co.uk/gcse/sociology/aqa/>

Tutor2u – Sociology: <https://www.tutor2u.net/sociology>

Primrose Kitten – GCSE Sociology: <https://www.primrosekitten.com/pages/aqa-gcse-sociology>

BBC Bitesize – GCSE Sociology: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/subjects/zby2bdm>

Top tips for revision in: **SPANISH**

Top 5 tips for revision in Spanish:

1. Master the four main themes
2. Regularly practise Listening, Speaking, Reading, and Writing.
3. Use Specified Vocabulary
4. Practise Translation Skills
5. Utilise Revision Guides and Resources

An example of a Foundation question is:

Write a short paragraph in Spanish. You must write about all three bullet points:

- Describe the place where you live
- What you did on your last holiday
- What you would like to do on your next holidays

Top tip:

- Focus on the 3 bullet points separately
- 1–2 sentences for each
- Use present, past and future tenses
- Include opinions

An example of a Higher question is:

Write an article in Spanish. You must write about both bullet points:

- Describe your ideal school
- Explain which extra-curricular activities you would like and why

Top tip:

- Plan your answer beforehand, including what tenses, vocabulary and complex structures you will use
- Include an opinion and a justification
- Include all 3 time frames, especially the 2 that are requested in the bullet points
- Include complex structures such as subjunctive, idioms, si clauses, etc.

Key revision tools:

- **Speaking booklet**
- **Tenses sheet**
- **Kerboodle – Interactive tasks and Digital Book**
- **Languagenut**

Subject exam boards

Subject	Exam board
Art	<i>OCR</i>
Business Studies	<i>Edexcel</i>
Computer Science	<i>OCR</i>
Design & Technology	<i>Eduqas</i>
Drama	<i>OCR</i>
English	<i>AQA</i>
Food Preparation & Nutrition	<i>AQA</i>
French	<i>AQA</i>
Geography	<i>Edexcel B</i>
Health & Social Care	<i>Edexcel</i>
History	<i>Edexcel</i>
Maths	<i>Edexcel</i>
Media Studies	<i>OCR</i>
Music	<i>Edexcel</i>
PE	<i>AQA</i>
RS	<i>Eduqas</i>
Science	<i>AQA</i>
Sociology	<i>AQA</i>
Spanish	<i>AQA</i>