Cycle 2 Homework

Subject: Sociology

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Year 10

This cycle you are learning: Research Methods

Sampling Methods
Questionnaires
Observations
Interviews
Secondary Data
Ethical considerations
Revision

Rationale for home work this term:
- **To consolidate in class learning**
- **To secure your knowledge of key topics**
- **To practice skills related to your assessment**

Expectations
- ☐ **Complete 3 homework tasks per cycle (or the equivalent time if doing a longer project).**
- ☐ **Complete 1 week of revision based homework per cycle ready for week 8.**
- ☐ **Your homework will be marked by a mix of peer, self and teacher assessment.**

Name _____

Teacher _____

Task 1: Due in _____
Sociology methods
1. What is a population (in terms of sociological research)?

2. What is a sample (in terms of sociological research)?

3. ideally what should samples be like?

4. Describe how the following sampling methods work

Random	systematic
Random stratified	Snowball

4. Which method gives a completely fair sample? Why?

5. Which method gives a completely representative sample? Why?

Task 2: Questionnaires and Observations

Due: _____

Questionnaires:

1. Why might a sociologist use a questionnaire?

2. What are three advantages of using questionnaires for sociological research?

3. What are two disadvantages of using questionnaires for sociological research?

Observations:

1. What is the difference between an overt and a covert observation?

2. What is the difference between a participant and a non participant observation?

3. What is the 'observer effect'?

PTO

4. Why might doing a non-participant observation be easier than a participant observation for a sociologist?

5. Why might a sociologist choose to do a covert observation? (give an example of when it might be appropriate)

6. What might be an ethical issue with doing a covert observation?

Task 3: Interviews

DUE: _____

Advantages of interviews:

Disadvantages of interviews:

What things should the interviewer try to avoid doing when interviewing? (give at least 4 things)

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What are the following:
1. Structured interview

2. Semi structured interview

3. Unstructured interview

Which of these is the best in your opinion and why?

Task 4: Revise for end of topic test

Due:_____

Create a revision resource to revise for your research methods assessment.

Topics to revise:

Research methods PLC
How do you conduct research?
Sampling methods
Ethical considerations
Questionnaires – advantages and disadvantages
Structured and unstructured interviews
Covert and overt observations
Participant and non-participant observations
Longitudinal studies
Secondary data
Content analysis