

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW:

- The key principals of functionalism
- The key thinkers associated with functionalism.
- The internal and external evaluation of functionalism

KEY TERMS FOR THIS TOPIC

- Organic Analogy
- Structural Approach
- Consensus
- Social Order
- Socialisation
- Social Control
- Value Consensus
- Functions
- Manifest Function
- Latent Function
- Goal Attainment
- Adaption
- Integration
- Latency
- Social Change
- Status Quo
- Shared Culture

KEY THINKERS

- Durkheim
- Merton
- Parsons

RESOURCES

ISB Perspectives: P5 - 10



- Webb, Westergaard, Trobe and Townend Book 2: 203 - 206
- Browne Book 2: 307 - 375
- Collins Book 2: 111 - 113
- Hodder Book 2: 9 – 12



- [Hectic Teacher's Sociology Site](#)
- [Revise Sociology](#)
- [Tutor2U](#)
- [Cliff Notes](#)



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- [Esher Sociology](#)
- [The Teacher Sociology](#)

TEMPLATES:

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

ESQ



- [10 Markers No item](#)
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- **Essays –**
 - [Argument Essay](#)
 - [Relative Importance Essay](#)
- [Methods in Context](#)

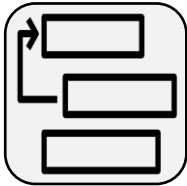
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NOTE TAKING TASK

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.

Durkheim	Parsons	Evaluation
What is meant by a consensus structural approach?	How does society mirror the human body?	What are Merton's three criticisms of Parsons?
How does society shape the individual according to Durkheim?	What are the four basic needs of society?	What are the logical criticisms of functionalism?
What is meant by Anomie?		How might conflict/critical theorists criticise functionalism?
What are social facts?	What are the ways that society maintains the value consensus and social order?	How would action theories and postmodernism criticise functionalism?



PRIORITISATION

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

Don't get it	Need some help	Fairly confident	I got this!
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CONSOLIDATION: [Chain of Reasoning Conversations](#)

Complete a chain of reasoning conversation for each of the following questions:

- 1) Discuss the view that society is like the human body.
- 2) Discuss the view that there is a value consensus in society.
- 3) Discuss the view that functionalism is a contradictory theory of society.



Outline and explain two ways that society mirrors the human body. [10]



Item

Functionalism is a consensus theory. It sees society is based on a set of shared values and this value consensus is the basis for social order. It is also a systems theory. It emphasizes the way the social system shapes social institutions and behaviour patterns of individuals. Society is seen as a system with its own separate existence and needs. However, some critics claim that functionalism understates the extent of conflict in society. Others argue that functionalism is too deterministic, portraying individuals as simply the puppets of the social system.

Applying material from the item and your own knowledge, evaluate the claim that functionalism understates both the extent of conflict in society and the ability of social actors to create Society through into action. [20]