

**WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW:**

- ❑ The key principals of Marxism & Neo-Marxism
- ❑ The key thinkers associated with Marxism & Neo-Marxism
- ❑ The internal and external evaluation of Marxism & Neo-Marxism

**KEY TERMS FOR THIS TOPIC**

- Superstructure
- Historical Materialism
- Social Class
- Economic Base
- Capitalism
- Class Consciousness
- Alienation
- Revolution
- Communism
- Exploitation
- Oppression
- Economic Determinism
- Ideology
- Reductionism
- Means of Production
- Relations of Production
- Humanistic Neo-Marxism
- Structural Neo-Marxism
- Hegemonic
- Counter-Hegemony
- Coercion
- Consent
- Economic determinism
- Dual Consciousness

**KEY THINKERS**

- Althusser
- Gramsci
- Marx
- Engels

**RESOURCES**

**ISB Perspectives: P11 - 21**



- Webb, Westergaard, Trobe and Townend Book 2: 209 - 214
- Browne Book 2: 375 - 382
- Collins Book 2: 114 - 117
- Hodder Book 2: 12 - 15



- [Hectic Teacher's Sociology Site](#)
- Revise Sociology – [Marxism](#) / [Neo Marxism](#)
- Tutor2U – [Marxism](#) / [Neo Marxism](#)



- Tutor2U – [Marxism](#)
- Esher Sociology – [Marxism](#)
- Audiopedia - [Marxism](#)

**TEMPLATES:**

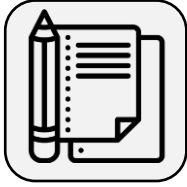
All Templates are in PowerPoint or Word format for you to either print off or write in and save.

**ESQ**



- [10 Markers No item](#)
- [10 markers with item](#)
- **Essays –**
  - [Argument Essay](#)
  - [Relative Importance Essay](#)
- [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.

Overview	Marxism	Neo Marxism
What is meant by a structural conflict theory?	What is the superstructure?	How does Humanistic Neo Marxism differ from Traditional Marxism?
	What are the two elements of the economic base and what do they mean?	According to Gramsci how does the ruling class maintain their dominance?
What are the 5 stages of society according to Marx?	How do the ruling class maintain their power in capitalist society?	Why is ruling class hegemony never complete?
	What does Marx mean by a False Class consciousness?	What are the criticisms of hegemonic Neo-Marxism?
What are the features of a capitalist society?	What is needed to create a truly equal society?	How does structural Neo Marxism differ from traditional Marxism?
	What are the criticisms of Marxism?	What does Althusser mean by Structural Determinism?
What are the features of Communist society?		What are the criticisms of Structural Neo-Marxism?



## 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!



## CONSOLIDATION:

Slow Writing Paragraphs:

Answer each of the questions that follow making sure that you include the compulsory elements and 3 from the pick and mix elements.

	Mandatory requirements	Pick and Mix requirements
<p><b>Question 1:</b> To what extent is the Marxist view of society too negative to be considered useful?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> At least 6 sentences per answer.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> At least 3 of the pick and mix elements in EACH answer.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> A clear answer to the question.</li> </ul>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. A sentence that starts with a Verb.</li> <li>2. A sentence that is 8 words long.</li> <li>3. A 4-syllable word.</li> <li>4. A sentence that contains a rhetorical question.</li> <li>5. A sentence that contain alliterations</li> <li>6. A sentence with 3 adjectives.</li> <li>7. A sentence that contains a simile</li> <li>8. A 3-syllable word</li> <li>9. A sentence that contains a metaphor.</li> <li>10. A sentence that contains onomatopoeia</li> </ol>
<p><b>Question 2:</b> To what extent do you think the working class are oppressed by the ruling class?</p>		
<p><b>Question 3:</b> How well does Marxism explain modern society?</p>		
<p><b>Question 4:</b> To what extent does Neo Marxism overcome the issues with traditional Marxist theory?</p>		



**Outline and explain two criticisms of Marxist theory of society. [10]**



### Item

Marxists see class as a fundamental division in society, in which the proletariat are exploited by the capitalist owners of the means of production. The capitalist class maintain their dominance partly by force and partly by ideological control through the media, the education system and so on. However, Marxists predict that ultimately, the proletariat will overthrow capitalism by means of a revolution. For Marxists, social change is not the gradual evolutionary process seen by consensus theories. However, other sociologists argue that class is not the only basis for inequality and that revolutions have failed to occur in advanced capitalist societies.

**Applying material from the item, and your own knowledge evaluate The contribution of different Marxist theorists to understanding Society. [20]**