**Sociology Taster Work 2023**

1. **Answer these questions. I would expect at least 200 words per question. Illustrate your answer by including graphs, quotations or other examples.**

**Sex and Gender:**

<https://www.independent.co.uk/life-style/jk-rowling-tweet-women-menstruate-people-transphobia-twitter-a9552866.html?jwsource=cl>

1. What is the difference between sex and gender?
2. Is there a connection between gender and biology?
3. Why would society construct ‘gender’ identities?
4. Is gender identity changeable?
5. Is biological sex identity even a real category?

Further Reading: ‘ Inferior’ by Angela Desaini

**Race and Ethnic Identity:**

<https://www.haringey.gov.uk/sites/haringeygovuk/files/ethnicity_codes.pdf>

Is ethnicity a biological category or is it like gender, socially constructed?

Can you decide your ethnicity?

Can you change your ethnicity?

Is #BLM only about those classified as Black by government or does it refer to more people?

Further reading: ‘How to Argue with a Racist’ Adam Rutherford.

**B. Crime and Deviance:**

1. Collect 5 graphs on youth crime, in the UK preferably. Put them on a powerpoint. Make sure your graphs show differences in youth crime:

* Over time
* Across classes (difficult to find.)
* Across age (concentrate on 15 to 24 yrs)
* Across genders
* Across ethnicity

1. What is the profile of those young people a) most and b) least likely to commit crime?

TIP: avoid tabloid newspapers! Use official stats from UK. Examples:

[Crime in England and Wales - Office for National Statistics (ons.gov.uk)](https://www.ons.gov.uk/peoplepopulationandcommunity/crimeandjustice/bulletins/crimeinenglandandwales/yearendingdecember2022)

<https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/youth-justice-statistics>