**Year 9 Sociology Home Learning – Week 1**

**Make revision notes on research methods topic we have completed. Use the research method booklet which is available in the file section on Teams.**

**You must cover the following:**

* Qualitative data (Data in a written form such as, observation or interviews)
* Quantitative data (Numerical data such as, statistics or questionnaires)
* Primary data (Data you collect yourself such as, interviews)
* Secondary data (Data that is already available such as, dairy entries)
* The scientific method: What method do positivists prefer? Why do they prefer this?
* What is a pilot study?
* Practical problems: Validity and reliability
* Ethical problems:
* Informed consent
* Protection from harm
* Deception
* Confidentiality
* Anonymity
* Secondary sources:
* Statistics (Quantitative – reliable)
* Documents (Qualitative – valid)
* Sampling:
* Random
* Snowball
* Systematic
* Stratified
* Quota
* Primary data:
* Questionnaires (Quantitative – reliable)
* Interviews (Qualitative – valid)
* Structured
* Unstructured
* Observations (Qualitative – valid)
* Participant
* Non participant
* Covert
* Overt

**Year 9 Sociology Home Learning – Week 2**

**Answer the following questions:**

1) Identify and explain one advantage of using unstructured interviews to investigate relationships between family members.

2) Identify one function of the family and explain how you would investigate this function using questionnaires.

3) Identify and explain one disadvantage of using questionnaires to investigate the literacy skills of parents.

4) Identify and explain one advantage of using observation to investigate policing in urban areas.

5) Identify one ethical issue that you would need to consider when investigating anti-social behaviour in a community and explain how you would deal with this issue in your investigation.

6) Identify and explain one disadvantage of using structured interviews to research young people’s experience of unemployment.