

Tackling the ten mark 'apply and analyse' question

Step 1: Decode the question

Identify the **CAUSE (A)** and the **EFFECT (B)** in the question and consider how A causes B

Step 2: Mine the item

Identify **2 Hooks** (words or phrases) that can be linked to sociological explanations of either the **CAUSE, EFFECT** or **PROCESS** of A causing B

Step 3: Write your response

The best way to approach this is through **2 separate paragraphs** each of which details clearly how A causes B and **explicitly references the item**

Item A

Some sociologists suggest that the most important factor in the educational achievement of students is their home background. Whilst some sociologists suggest that parenting practices and parental support have the biggest impact on achievement, other would suggest that the economic capital a family has is the most important factor in determining their child educational outcomes.

However, other sociologists would suggest that factors inside of school are often influenced by a child's home background and it is difficult to separate home and in-school factors.

Applying material from Item A, analyse **TWO** ways in which home backgrounds influence the educational achievement of different social classes (10)

One way in which home factors influence the education achievement of working-class students is through their access to 'economic capital' (Item A) Material deprivation, which is the lack of resources needed to achieve is more likely to impact on working-class students and has several effects on their ability to