



PAPER 1: EDUCATION – FUNCTIONALIST PERSPECTIVE

5 FACTS ABOUT THE FUNCTIONALIST PERSPECTIVE ON EDUCATION

4 TRUE OR FALSE STATEMENTS

Functionalists believe education is based on meritocracy and rewards effort.	
Durkheim saw education as unnecessary for preparing children for society.	
Parsons argued that schools pass on universal values shared by society.	
Functionalists argue that education focuses only on negative aspects like bullying.	

3 MULTIPLE CHOICE QUESTIONS

Who described education as a 'society in miniature'?	What is meant by 'role allocation'?	Which of the following is an example of secondary socialisation in education?
a) Marx	a) Giving pupils random jobs	a) Learning family traditions
b) Parsons	b) Preparing pupils for roles in society based on ability	b) Playing video games at home
c) Durkheim	c) Making students obedient workers	c) Watching television
d) Economic support	d) Allocating pupils to school sports teams	d) Learning universal values in school

2 SHORT ANSWER QUESTIONS

Explain what is meant by the term 'meritocracy' in education.

Explain one way in which schools promote social cohesion according to functionalists.

1 CRITICISM OF THE FUNCTIONALIST PERSPECTIVE ON EDUCATION