



Worksheet 8: Developing evaluation of theories

Fill in the gaps to develop a strength and a limitation of each theory's view of education.

- 1 Evaluate the functionalist view of education.

Functionalists argue that schools are meritocratic. This means

Evidence to support this is

This shows that

However, feminists disagree. They have shown that there is a gendered curriculum in school. This means

For example,

This suggests that the functionalist view is incorrect because



- 2 Evaluate labelling theory as an explanation for why some ethnicity minorities underachieve in school.

Labelling theory argues that some ethnic minorities are negatively labelled in school.

Evidence to support this

This shows that

**However, functionalists disagree. They argue that all learners have equal opportunities in school.
This means**

For example,

This suggests that the labelling view is incorrect because

- 3 Evaluate Marxist explanations for working class underachievement in education.

**Marxist theory points to material deprivation as a main cause of working-class underachievement.
Material deprivation is**

Evidence to support this

This shows that

**However, other sociologists disagree. They argue that many learners enjoy compensatory education.
This means**

For example,

This suggests that the Marxist view is not totally correct because



4 Evaluate the feminist view of education.

Feminists argue that education continues to support gender inequality in society. Evidence to support this idea

Moreover,

This shows that

On the other hand, other sociologists argue

For example,

This suggests that the feminist view is not totally correct because