



**GCE A level**

427/01

**SOCIOLOGY – SOC 4  
UNIT 4 - SOCIAL CONTROL**

P.M. THURSDAY, 5 June 2008

1 hour

**ADDITIONAL MATERIALS**

In addition to this examination paper, you will need a 12 page answer book.

**INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES**

Answer **one** question from **ONE** option only.

**INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES**

The question carries 60 marks.

The number of marks is given in square brackets at the end of each question.

**You are reminded that marking will take into account the quality of written communication used in your answers.**

*Answer one question from ONE option only.*

**Option 1: Crime and Deviance**

**Either,**

1. Outline and assess the functionalist theory of crime. [60]

**Or,**

2. Outline and assess sociological explanations for different patterns of crime between social classes. [60]

**Option 2: Politics, Power and the State**

**Either,**

3. Outline and assess the view that power in contemporary society lies firmly with the State. [60]

**Or,**

4. Outline and assess the view that voting patterns in contemporary society are characterised by de-alignment. [60]

**Option 3: Mass Media**

**Either,**

5. Outline and assess the view that increasing concentration of ownership is likely to result in owners having more power and control over the content of the media. [60]

**Or,**

6. Outline and assess the view that audiences filter and interpret media messages in the context of their own view of the world. [60]