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Paper 1 The Family

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An answer booklet is provided inside this question paper. You should follow the instructions on the front cover of the answer booklet. If you need additional answer paper ask the invigilator for a continuation booklet.

Answer Question 1 and either Question 2 or Question 3.

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Section A

Answer question 1.

1 International migration has a significant impact on the family. However, migration within a society also affects the structure and functions of the family. For married women the chances to break out from a domestic role appear to be greater in urban than in rural areas. Women can more easily avoid the direct control of their family, causing traditional family structures to collapse and making it easier for new ones to develop. Such outcomes are particularly important in *patrilineal* societies, when migration results in women living away from their husbands' families.

This isolation from kin encourages the development of more equal and emotionally intimate relationships between husbands and wives. Thus a study of urban neighbourhoods in northern India carried out in 1992 found fewer wives became integrated into their husband's kinship networks. At the same time as having weaker ties with their husband's families, these women seemed to have closer ties with their own family of birth than was typical in traditional rural India.

(a) What is meant by the term *patrilineal*?

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- (b) Describe two types of family structure that may develop when people move to urban areas.

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- (c) Explain how isolation from kin can encourage more equal and emotionally intimate relationships. [8]
- (d) Assess the view that migration weakens extended families. [11]

Section B

Answer either question 2 or question 3.

- 2 Explain and assess the view that marriage is in decline in modern industrial societies. [25]
- 3 Explain and assess the view that age is a more significant factor than gender in determining an individual's experience of family life. [25]

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